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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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**CD GOLDLINE**

Hi Fellow Gold Wing Lovers:

Another great riding month has come and gone. In February we held our fourth Rally at Pat Thomas Park on Lake Talquin. We were pessimistic that no one would show because of the economy and weather. We would like to thank all 122 who braved the cold and came out and supported us again. We had a ball putting the Rally on. As usual the best part is always the fellowship with old friends.

Here in the Panhandle, especially Tallahassee, we are a far distance for most to come visit. The closest Florida chapters are in Jacksonville and Panama City. Both are several hours drive, making just the round trip over five hours. Chapters in central Florida have the luxury of being able to travel an hour or so and be able to drop in on a neighboring Chapter. We Thank everyone for taking the time to join and support us.

As always our group collected over 125 gifts to give away. THANKS to all our chapter members who worked so hard to pull this off.

Thanks to Nate & Danelle our fine ADD's for attending our Rally!

Congratulations to Danny Pippin, Panama City's Chapter Director, for having the winning Grand prize ticket. Hope Danny enjoys the new Tires, donated by Tallahassee Motor Sport West here in Tallahassee. We especially want to thank them for their support year after year in helping us with a set of tires to give away.

Our faithful ride leader, Bob-o-Lou Caraway, had a bad experience with an intestinal blockage the night before the rally and ended up driving himself to the Hospital where he spent the following week recovering. Bob is now home and doing better.

This week is Bike week in Daytona and several traveled over to check it out.

The next week we hope to see all our friends and those of our chapter who can make it in Kissimmee for the State Rally. We always have so much fun there, and the venue is beautiful. Hope you can join us. See you in Kissimmee.

Until Then

Ride Safe and Enjoy the Ride

Lenton and Leucetia Stephens



By Joe & Gracie Mazza  
Florida District Educators

## **25 Degrees is Child's Play**

Our CD Conference held in Kissimmee in early January was a great success. We had 70 Educators attend the Rider Education portion of the conference. About half of the attendees were there for their first meeting and new to the position. It always amazes us that no matter how difficult the tasks may seem from time to time, we always have experienced riders willing to step up to the plate and members new to GWRRA also ready to take their turn and serve. Working in the Rider Education program is one of the most directly rewarding to the educators and their assistants. SAFETY is always our first concern. By learning about correct riding gear when our Gracie was a "newbie", her foot was saved because she had on over-the-ankle boots (albeit Harley), when we went down in Dallas. Without the helmet I was wearing, I would either be dead or a "zucchini" (Italian for badly damaged brain). We are doing well with most of our riders wearing helmets, but getting everyone to wear the other gear is not so easy, except when it is 25 degrees out.

Our main focus this year was twofold. First we wanted to familiarize our new Educators with the day to day intricacies of the program, such as filling out forms and setting up ERC, TRC, FA/CPR and other seminars. We also explained the sending of monthly reports, the availability of safety articles for their newsletters, and chapter talks. Since we included 20 excellent Rider Ed articles in the packet for each Educator, there is no reason not to have a safety article in

every newsletter. Many CD's who have no educators have been putting those articles in the newsletter and we appreciate that. Second in the program, Bobbi Roy presented the procedure to follow when reporting member information for the National Database (Greenbar). Next Rex and Tina Price explained the Medic First Aid Program we are adopting to assist members in achieving and maintaining their FA/CPR requirements for Level advancement.

Next we had a breakout session in which we separated into two groups. One was veteran educators and the other consisted of new educators. People seem more relaxed and willing to ask questions and join discussions in smaller groups. Bobbi, Rex and Tina presented to one group while Don Danbury and I presented to the other. After about an hour, we switched groups. It seemed to work well.

During the weekend we recognized Gene and Eileen Heaney, FL1-H, as our Educators of the Year and also paid tribute to Walt Overlander, the retiring Chapter Educator for FL1-B, Brandon. We consider both Gene and Walt to epitomize the qualities needed in a Chapter Educator and their recognition was well deserved.

On January 17<sup>th</sup> we held a trike instructors' course in Gainesville and Hawthorne. The class was observed and graded by Ron Lantz, our Region A Educator. There were seven prospective instructors, including Don Danbury and Mike Roy from District staff. The students for the class were from FL1-X, Orange Park, FL1-V, Jacksonville Beach and FL1-F2, Ocala. In spite of the fact that the day began with a 25 degree temperatures, the day was a success. All the instructor candidates earned their cards. We now have seven additional Trike Instructors we can call on, and Hawthorne can now be used as a trike course range as well as ERC range.

On another note, a reminder to all our Educators, Don Danbury, Assistant District Educator, is now handling your monthly reports. These are to be submitted to Don and the #6 Monthly Activity Report form. Make sure to use the form with April 2008 found in the lower right hand corner. As recommended at the conference, the report should be submitted soon after the completion of your monthly meeting. It also helps those of us with CS (me Included) in expediting the whole procedure.

In spite of freezing temperatures, we think we have started 2009 on a good note. We have found it so rewarding to work with so many fine and dedicated people over the years in Rider Education. Keep up the good work. It is genuinely appreciated.

Have fun and ride safe: dress in layers for the cold.

## **A.D.D. Report**

*From: Nate & Danelle Kinion*

The Florida District Wing Gathering is coming up March 12-14!!! Don't miss it!!!

We want to congratulate Loraine Cerna of Chapter FL1-D, Pensacola, who received the First Annual June Agee Memorial Newsletter Editor Award for 2008. Way to go Loraine!

On February 21<sup>st</sup> we attended FL1-A2, Tallahassee's rally at Lake Talquin. Despite the cold, windy day there were 122 in attendance. There were several vendors and games plus bingo and great chili and hot dogs with dessert, of course. Danny Pippin of Chapter FL1-L, Panama City won the grand prize, a set of tires. Panama City also won the largest Chapter in attendance. There were members from all of the Chapters in the Panhandle as well as Jacksonville and even the District Directors from Rhode Island, who also plan to come to the Florida District Rally. It was a good time socializing with old friends and making new ones.

We want to thank Dale Oliver of Chapter FL1-L, Panama City, for volunteering to be the Motorist Awareness Division Coordinator for that Chapter. That brings a total of nine for the District. If you are interested in becoming a MAD Coordinator for your chapter, please let your Chapter Director know. We would like to have MAD Coordinators in all of the Chapters.

Nate and Danelle

Today is a gift. That's why it's called the present.

## 2009 GWRRA EVENTS



Mar 12-14	Florida District Rally	Kissimmee FL
Mar 26-28	Alabama District Rally	Pelham AL
Mar 21	Bike Car Show	Panama City FL
Mar 29	FL1-E2 Am Diabetes Assoc. Poker Run	Ft Walton Beach
April 4	FL1-B Road Rally & Fun Day	Seffner FL
April 18	FL1-W Green Eggs & Ham Poker Run	Orlando FL
Apr 30-May 2	South Carolina District Rally	Myrtle Beach SC
May 9	FL1-F2 Poker Run/Motorcycle Rally	Ocala FL
June 11-13	Georgia District Rally	Hiawassee GA
Nov 14	Florida District Rider Ed Fair	St Petersburg FL

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

### 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



### March Birthdays

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

Marvin Culverson – 3/3  
Carol Ergenbright – 3/6  
Shiela 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*

Emily & Kirstie Waller - 4/2

Janice Gargus – 4/17  
Bob Lumsden

Wayne Hicks – 4/24

*April Anniversaries*

Greg & Carolyn Campbell – 4/9  
Gus & Donna Daniels

Arnold & Mary Watts – 4/14

Wesley & Vanessa Shivers – 4/21  
Ken & Mary Lee Rouse – 4/24

**KUDOS**

To Charles Couch for organizing the Andersonville / Plainses trip! Great trip Charles.

**WELCOME**

Invite your neighbors and friends to our meetings! We'd love to have them visit!!!  
See Jan Chapter Directors notes for our Visitors list!

**NEW BIKE CLUB**

We've had several get new rides the last several months.  
Ed & Peggy Budzyna---Ken Rouse---Bob-O-Lou Carraway

**Notes From Last Meeting**

We planned out the duty roster for the Rally. We also will meet On Feb 12th at Lenton & Leucetias for Pizza and to finalize the Rally Plans.

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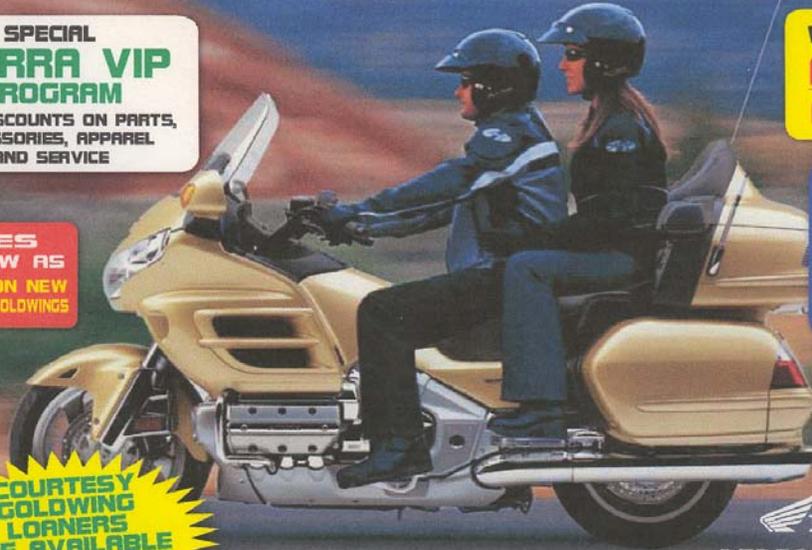
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