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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"



Hi Fellow Gold Wingers,

Sure hope the last month was good to you all. I had to go out of town four of the last five weeks for my job. I spent a week each at St Augustine, Orlando, Miami and Jacksonville. Thankfully, the week I spent in Jacksonville, the heart the murder capital of the USA with 41 killed so far this year, I heard gun shots only one day. I'm getting too old for that stuff.

I did get to take in several weekend rides, but had to miss the monthly meeting. I Hear Bryan is ready to take over? Great job Bryan. Thanks for filling in.

I also made it to the Bandit Getaway planning meeting one Saturday. I'm happy to report things are looking good and we expect a great rally. Elvis will be in the house again this year, the escorted parade is in place, the lighted bike show, and we're expecting a good turnout of vendors. Thanks to Bryan for attending the meeting in Crestview with me.

Thanks to Sonny and Charles for a great ride this last weekend, great food, great riding and fellowship with some great Friends.

We're looking forward to Wing Ding in July. The last I heard 8-10 from FL1-A2 are planning to go. The Region A Rally date is coming fast also. We will have the Mall Bike Show again in August. Then as soon as it cools off we'll have the camp out we postponed this spring. The Bandit Getaway follows in October, then the Christmas party to top off the year. Boy that's a full schedule, but I hope everyone will join us in as many events as possible. We'll probably never have another year where we try to attend so many Rallies.

. Sorry to hear Jim got rear ended on his Goldwing, but glad to hear it's been repaired and Jim is ready to ride again.

Also sad to hear Peggy and Jesse have decided to move to their mountain vacation home full time. Best of luck guys, sniff, sniff (I didn't get invited to go!!!!) Mail us your new address so we can get 20-30 together for a week or two visit to keep you from getting home sick.

See ya on the next ride!

Ride Safe,

Lenton and Leucetia Stephens

Safety Corner

From: Jim Zumbrunn
Rider Educator

Written by Robert Vaughan

Would you feel safe flying on a plane if you heard this conversation between the pilot and copilot:

Let's skimp on the checklists today. The plane looks safe enough.

Tires?

They didn't look flat so the pressure is probably OK.

Lights?

The ones I can see from here work.

Oil?

It was fine last week.

Brakes?

We have two, I'm sure at least one works.

Windshield?

It's not all that dirty.

I only slept four hours last night so let's not waste any more time here. Let's fly this baby!

You might think twice about going on the trip at all if your pilots weren't interested enough in safety to do a proper checklist.

Is piloting a bit that's carrying your spouse any less important? You know the answer.

Tires need the correct pressure to prevent overheating (read "Blowout"), excessive wear (read "Expensive"). Not looking flat isn't enough. The only way to know the tire pressure is as it should be is to use a tire gauge. Check the tires while they are cold. Write down the correct pressure for your tires and keep it in the bike.

Lights are something we don't think about until one goes out in a spot we can see from the rider's seat. Yet the taillight is what lets the car behind you see you before he runs over you. The co-rider can easily check the brake lights, taillights and turn signals while you sit on the bike and push a few buttons.

How important is your oil? (read "How Expensive Is Your Engine") No, you don't check the oil by looking at the engine temperature gauge. There is a convenient dipstick made just for that purpose. Don't be a dipstick – use the one on the bike.

Always using both brakes to stop or slow is the proper way to use brakes, but the wrong way to check them. If one of three brakes starts getting weak, the other two will hide this fact. Try using only the brake lever to check the one front brake that the lever operates. Then you will have an idea how that brake is working. Using only the brake pedal with an integrated braking system uses two brakes one front and the rear. Testing the brake pedal this way makes it easier to know whether one of these two brakes is not up to par. Of course the best way to check out all three brakes is during the bike's regular service.

Perhaps the windshield is the easiest of all to check. You can look at it as you are walking up to the bike. Are those but spots you see? It takes only a minute or so to clean them off. They may be only an annoyance in the daytime, but you need all the visibility you can get at night. Another time a dirty windshield really shows up is when you head directly into the sun. That's when you'll really wish you'd taken an extra minute or two to clean your windshield. When you have your cleaner out to clean your windshield, you might also clean your face shield and your glasses. The the whole world will look brighter.

Your bike's checklist should be something you use before every ride, just as a pilot uses his before every flight.

From the Editor:

By Leucretia Stephens

From the Internet

There was a little girl shopping with her Mom in Target. She must have been about six years old, a beautiful, red-haired, freckle-faced image of innocence. They had finished with their shopping and were ready to leave the store, but it was pouring down rain. The kind of rain that gushes over the top of rain gutters in so much of a hurry to hit the earth it has no time to flow down the spout. Everyone stood under the awning or just inside the door of the store waiting for a break in the downpour. Some people waited patiently, others were irritated by the interruption of their hurried day.

The little girl spoke up in a sweet voice. "Mom, let's run through the rain."

Her Mom looked down incredulously, "What! "Run through the rain? We'll get soaked."

"No we won't. That's not what you said this morning. Remember?" the little girl persisted.

"When did I say we could run through rain and not get soaked?" she smiled at the little girl.

"Don't you remember? When you were talking to Dad about his cancer? You said, 'If God can get us through this, He can get us through anything!'"

The entire crowd paused. There was dead silence. The only thing one could hear was the rain falling. Now, some would laugh off the little girl's comment or scold her for being silly. Some might even ignore what she said. But, the Mom thought for a moment before replying. She realized this was one of those moments of affirmation in a young child's life. A time when innocent trust and belief could be nurtured so that it would bloom into faith and hope.

"Honey, you are absolutely right. Let's run through the rain. If God lets us get wet, well, maybe we just needed washing." Then off they ran giggling and splashing as they darted past cars and through puddles holding plastic bags over their heads, just in case. And, they did get soaked. But, that Mom and her daughter made precious memories and affirmed the little girl's faith in goodness in everything.

We all need to stop, ponder, take time, make time and make precious memories which poor health, financial problems, circumstances or people can never take away.

GWRRR NEWS

2006 FLORIDA EVENTS

April 22	FL1-X Poker Run	Keystone Hts
May 26-27	FL-Y Poker Run	Gainesville
June 17	FL1-J Bug Run	Jacksonville
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
September 1-2

Horizons Class
Region A Rally

Kissimmee FL
Perry FL

2006 REGION & NATIONAL EVENTS

May 4-6
June 15-17
July 3-6
October 12-14

South Carolina District Rally
Georgia Rally
Wing Ding
Mississippi District Rally

Spartanburg SC
Rome GA
Nashville TN
MS

2007 DISTRICT EVENTS

January 20
January 28
February 17

FL2-L Pirate Fest
Multi Chapter Breakfast
FL2-B2 Spaghetti Social

Lakeland FL
Flagler Beach FL
Sarasota FL

LOCAL DINNER RIDE SCHEDULE

5/18	Homecoming – Thomasville	Meet @ #6 at 6:30
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

May Birthdays

Ann Langley – 5/3
John Ferrell – 5/10

Lauren Waller – 5/5
B. J. Allen – 5/12
Belinda Hicks – 5/30

Charles Couch – 5/9
Virginia Hart – 5/28

May Anniversaries

Johnny & Janice Gargus – 5/10 Jack & Mercy Henderson – 5/22
Sonny & Ann Rollo – 5/30

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

KUDOS

To Jack Shardine for arranging our participation in Springtime Tallahassee Parade!!

WELCOME

Invite your neighbors and friends to our meetings! We'd love to have them visit!!!
Welcome to Doug, who visited us as a guest of Victor Venos.
We hope you'll join us!!

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:
Dianne Zumbrunn

7:20 pm, Brian Eiler called the meeting to order. Caroline Campbell opened with prayer. Welcome was extended to our visitor "Doug," who was attending with Victor Venos. Anniversaries and birthdays were announced. Upcoming events were discussed, i.e., Jekeyl Island in August and the Bandit Getaway in October. A commitment is needed from members for the Bandit Getaway in order to cover our Chapter responsibilities for "restroom detail" and "security." An announcement that the newsletter is now available on the website was made. Jim Zumbrunn initiated a short safety quiz and discussed his accident, including his experience in attempting to get a quote and bike repairs. Jim discussed the rider classes on safety and the need for a location to hold the classes. Charles suggested Steve Andrews Monticello Dog Track. Jesse and Peggy Beverett announced their intention of

relocating permanently to their Carolina home the following week. A request to recap the financial results of our February rally was made. A recap will be available at next month's meeting. Next meeting we will discuss the condition of Marvin's shed where we store our tables and supplies. Door prizes and the 50/50 drawing were awarded. (50/50 resulted in \$23 winner)

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. \$1000

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