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Happy Birthday

Feb 6 Fran Kozminski

*Happy Anniversary
none to celebrate
but be too cold to get married in
February*



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From the Chapter Director,

Well, here it is the end of the month already and what a month it has been. We had a great turn out for dinner at Chowder's with a dessert ride to Denny's in Cocoa Beach. The next morning there was a super parking lot practice that everyone got a chance to sharpen up their skills. I'm the only one who practiced picking up a downed bike, we won't dwell on that. Mike has promised to try to have another one in a month. Afterwards, seven bikes rode over to St. Cloud for catfish.

The breakfast ride to Daytona for the 5 chapter breakfast was great. The food was good and they had a lot of door prizes. Someone in our chapter won part of the substantial 50/50, I'm not telling who. After the breakfast some of us went shopping at the Daytona Flea Market on Rt. 92. You will never guess what Lynn bought, a four foot antique snow sled; now if you want to see something think about a wing going down I-95 in Florida with a snow sled strapped to the trunk.

This is probably a good time to tell all of you that next year it is our turn to host the 5 chapter breakfast. We have to start working **now**. They had 308 attending the breakfast, last year Cocoa had around 400, so start thinking about places to hold it and let me know. We also will need door prizes; it's never to early to start. We have alot of work to do and I know I can count on all of you for your help.

Along the same lines, a few words about participation. We have been having a lot of people participating lately, which is **great**, but there are alot of GWRRA members in the area that don't for one reason or another. Also there are a lot of wingers out there that don't belong to GWRRA; let's see if we can make contact with them and get them to participate with us, the more the merrier.

We are working on getting our newsletter formatted so that we can e-mail it to everyone that has a computer. This will save our expenses on printing and postage. I know the web page has been down for a while; we are also working on that problem. We hope to have it up soon. That's all for now,

Ride safe, Harry

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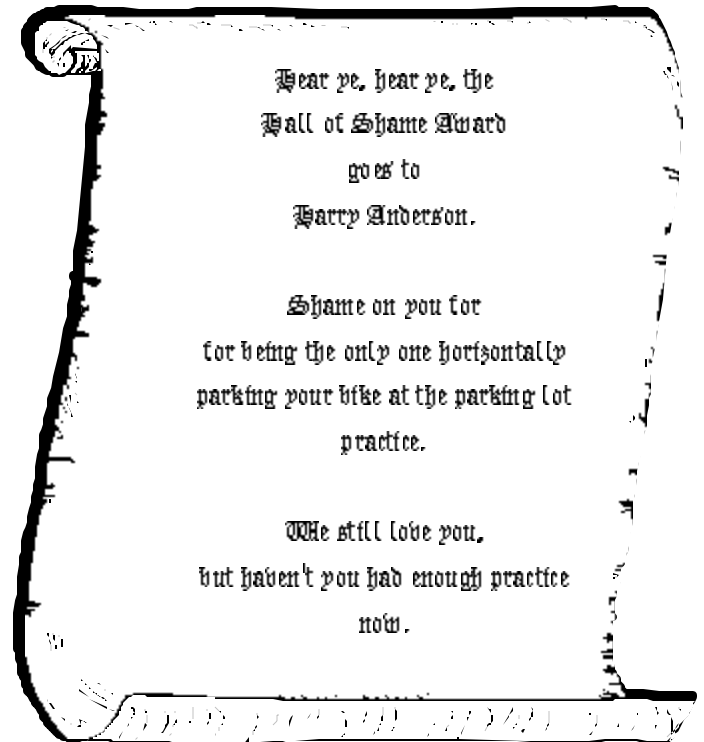
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FL2-D will surely miss Bill Adams.

We wanted to put this article written by Ty Hartley in our newsletter as a tribute in memory of him.

The Other Side of motorcycling

Today was a day that I hoped would never come. A friend of mine was killed on his motorcycle on his way home from work. Now I have known other people that have been killed riding motorcycles, but most of these wrecks were avoidable. In other words, there was always some root cause that was easy to pinpoint. I took some comfort in pinpointing the cause for I knew if I could avoid these mistakes I would be ok. There was no root cause to pinpoint in this case, however. This rider was very safety-conscience and experienced. He had taken all the courses and had done all the parking lot practice. I have always said that there is an element to danger that is unavoidable. This man met that element when an unobservant vehicle turned left in front of him as he made his way home this Wednesday night.

The paragraph above is the physical side of the accident. The writing below is the emotional side. It is much more important and much more meaningful

I sat near the back of the beautifully designed Christian church. It had a gigantic stained glass window adorning the front wall. The interior of the church was finished with dark wood, and the window was so bright with the sun shining through it that it literally hurt my eyes to look directly at it. There was Bills coffin in the front of the church with an American flag folded on the upper portion of it and a flower arrangement in the middle. This would be the last time I would be near my friend that I had met only a short time ago.

I met Bill Adams on Donnie Morlan's front porch. Donnie's porch has always been a popular meeting place of the GoldWing riders on Sunday mornings. Someone always brings coffee and donuts and before long the stories of the week's adventures come forth, properly embellished and exaggerated, of course. I would have to miss church to be a part of this camaraderie, and so I referred to Donnie's porch as "The Church of the Progressive Spring." I guess I did it to ease my conscience a bit.

Bills Black GoldWing was parked in the drive as I rolled up and he was seated in the corner of the porch along with about 5 other GoldWingers and of course, Donnie. It didn't take long to strike up a conversation with Bill. He just looked friendly and non-threatening. He had a very kind face. We had casual conversation for about an hour, and then I found out that he was a photographer. I have always loved photography and this was the break I had been looking for! Here was an experienced photographer that was giving me tips on photography! He even asked me to drop by the studio to take a look around! Wow! A motorcyclist and a photographer! Man was I lucky to have met Bill.

In that moment, Bill Adams went from a total stranger to a friend. We had skipped right over the "acquaintance" part of a normal relationship. I had a busy schedule to keep and so did Bill, so I never got around to taking him up on the tour of his studio, but I met him on several more occasions and always enjoyed his company. He knew a lot about a variety of subjects, but never came across as arrogant. He had a calm inner peace about him that had almost soothing qualities. It is hard for me to put my finger on this quality. No doubt the rest of his friends will know exactly what I am referring to.

As I sat in the church and listened to the eulogies, it became all too apparent to me that Bill touched the lives of every one he met. The people that had known him for years were talking about the same qualities of his personality that I had witnessed first-hand, and I had talked to him for only a few hours.

Reality caught up with me in that moment, and as I looked up at the stained-glass window with the red cross and yellow crown, my eyes began to well up and the colors began to run.

I'll miss you, Bill.

Practice, Practice, Practice.

Hi everyone, another month has come and gone. One thing I was impressed with in January was the parking lot practice (PLP). We had 16 bikes show up, with riders, of course, and co-riders.

Everyone had a great time and learned something too, they even asked when the next one would be. The answer is March 16th.

I would like to thank all who came out for the morning practice and a great lunch at the catfish place. A special thank you to Donnie and Charlie for helping as range officers and set up.

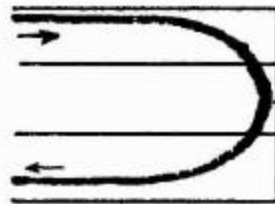
The article for the month talks about the 20-minute tune up, something you can do yourself in a vacant parking lot, try it, it only takes 20 minutes.

Ride Safe, Ride Often, Mike (Captain Safety) Duquette

20 MINUTE TUNE-UP

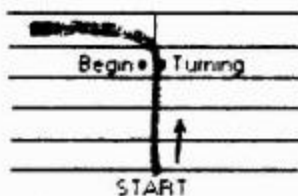
This is not an article on how to tune-up your motorcycle in 20 minutes or less, but rather how to sharpen your riding skills in 20 minutes or less. All that's needed is a willingness to practice and an empty parking lot. The key: remember that most parking spaces are 10 feet wide and 20 feet long, thus is it like having a pre-marked course already laid out for you. The exercises listed below are taken from the GWRRA Corning Practice Guide. **Caution** always wear proper riding gear, check the area for debris and oil, and take along a friend to watch for traffic and help if anything goes wrong.

U-Turn One of the easiest to practice yet one of the most difficult to master. Start by idling the bike in first gear as you approach the parking spaces. Come in on



one line, turning your head and keeping your eyes up, begin your turn to the right. You should be able to complete the turn within 3 spaces. With practice you can cut that to inside of two spaces. Don't forget to practice left turns as well (they will probably be the ones you make most often on the road). Hints: keep your eyes up and look where you want to exit the turn. If you feel the bike starting to fall over *gently* roll on the throttle.

Sharp Turns This drill will help you make sharp turns when leaving stoplights, pulling out of driveways or turning onto a narrow street. In first gear begin riding across the parking lot at 10 mph. Before reaching the marker *slow down* as you reach the marker make a sharp turn to



the left or right. Hints: keep your eyes up and look to where you want to be at the end of the turn.

Exercise Weaves This is one of my favorites. Every Gold Winger should be able to do 30-ft. weaves (most do it in second gear). Place half a tennis ball on every third parking space. Begin in first gear and go to the left of the tennis ball then to the right of the next ball and so on. One word....boring. It's much more difficult to do the 20-ft. weave. Same procedure only place the balls on every other space. Now if you really want to impress....do the 10-ft. weave. Hints: as you approach the first ball, shift your eyes to the next one. Likewise, as you approach the 2nd ball shift your eyes to the 3rd ball etc.



Quick stop Practicing this will help you stop quickly when something suddenly appears in your path. Approach marker 1 at 10 mph, try to stop before marker 2. Then try it at 15 mph. Then once more at 20 mph. do not exceed 20 mph. With practice, you should be able to stop in 25 feet or less. If you lock up either brake, you failed. Hint: keep head and eyes up, use both brakes.



These are simple exercises and can be done just about anywhere. Smooth highway speeds make a convenient camouflage for bad throttle and turning behavior. The dynamics of a 5-mph parking lot turn are nearly identical to the 70-mph sweeper. Practice often and be sure to watch for traffic. Smoothness is the logical aim for every rider, but smooth riding takes planning and practice. If you ride two up, then practice two up. Ride Safe,

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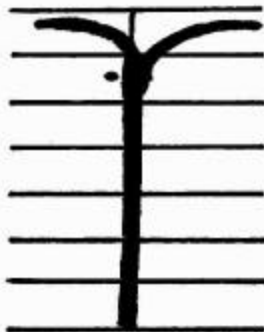
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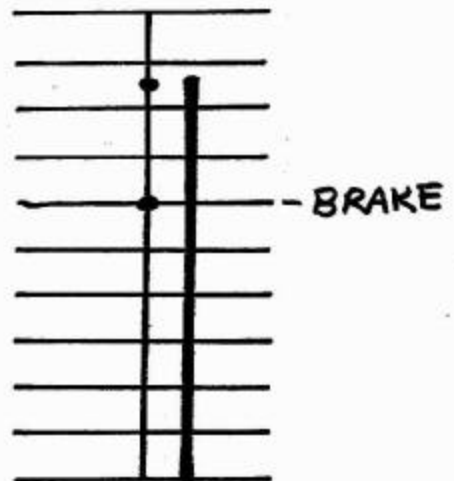


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