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Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge

I Am Using My Space In The Newsletter This Month To Tell You All About Mike And Charlotte Mercer And Why I Chose Them To Be Our Couple Of The Year.

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Mike Joined “ GW ” A Few Months After I Did, I Saw Him At A Couple Of The Rides And Activities We Began To Talk And I Got To Know Him Better. I Guess He Decided That We Weren’t So Bad So He Started To Bring Charlotte With Him. They Both Enjoyed Riding So Much, They Were A Great Couple And I Like Them Both.

When I Was Asked To Be The Chapter Director I Asked Mike If He And Charlotte Would Be My Assistants, With Some Conditions They Agreed. I Forget What The Conditions Were, But It Doesn’t Matter I Had No Intention Of Honoring Them Anyway; I Had Them.

Since Then Mike And Charlotte Have Worked Tirelessly To Help Me With The Operation Of FL2-D, No Job Is To Small Or To Large All I Have To Do Is Ask, Sometimes Not Even That, They Volunteer.

I Know When There Is Something Planned Be It A Ride, Training Or Dinner They Will Be There.

Mike And Charlotte Mercer Live The “Gw” Motto Of **Friends, Fun, Safety& Knowledge** And I Know That They Will Do A Great Job Of Representing Our Chapter As **Couple Of The Year 2004.**

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A Word From Our Educators

“Same Old Thing – Different Day”

Is this what we think when we ride roads over and over again? Going to work on the same roads everyday, they say that most accidents happen 25 miles from home. We get into the habit of **expecting** the same thing, but things change like an animal running out in front of you or the road surface. This is what happened to Harry when he was taking the same road to work, but there was a diesel spill on the turn he makes many times a week. The result was a totally **unexpected** accident.

It happened to me in the North Carolina after four days of riding. The curves I was doing OK and though I knew what to expect on the turns - go into the turn hit the apex, roll on the throttle, come out fast then ... I learned about delayed apex turns or decreasing radius turns, where the road almost runs over the road you were just on. So you have to expect the unexpected. I got into the comfort zone. I learned a lesson on that ride I came close to high siding. It was scary, but I learned. I'm pretty sure we all have a story to tell about mistakes we make to learn a lesson.

Getting into a routine is not always not a good thing, so we need to **expect the unexpected**. Ride aware all the times.

This holds true when we group ride. Don't get into a "follow the leader mode". Ride your ride but still be in a group. Scan 12 seconds ahead, do head checks, stop at traffic lights, and if you get caught by a red light, when the rest of the group has made it through the light, catch up with the group later. They will wait for you. You should know the route the group is taking and final destination, therefore, catching up should not be a problem.

Likewise, getting into a routine of doing a T-Clock every time you ride is a must because just like our riding habits if we expect our bike to perform the same every time we have something to learn. Our bike is not the same every time. Pressure could be off, oil could be low, and this will effect the ride of our bike. In retrospect it could affect what happens to us on our ride. So remember not to get into the habit of expecting our bike our person or our roads to always be the same. Always be aware.

So let's ride aware and ride safe.

Chapter Educators
Mike & Pat Duquette

Co-Riders Corner

By Pat Duquette

What I love most about riding a motorcycle is that it gives Mike and I time to talk without kids, grandkids, TV and phone. I enjoy looking at the different places we go; trees, swamps, lakes, stores. It gives us time to reflect and think about things and leave the rest of the world behind.

But not everything can be a time of reflection, trees, swamps, lakes, stores or leaving the rest of the world behind. We Have To Eat....

When ever we go on an overnight trip, I always take chicken spread and crackers. It is easy to make and travels well. It's a light snack to tide Mike, or your hungry man over until the next meal.

CHICKEN SPREAD

13oz Can Chicken

8oz Cream Cheese

1 Package Dry Ranch Dressing

Mix all together, chill, feed to Mike or eat on crackers or party bread.

2004 FLORIDA GWRRA EVENTS

Feb 7 FL1-M Spaghetti Social, Clearwater
Feb 14 FL1-J2 Poker Run Interstate Cycles, Lake City
Feb 21 FL2-N Fun Day/Food Fest, Cocoa Beach
Feb 21 FL1-A2 Poker Run, Tallahassee
Feb 27 - Mar 6 FL1-H Gold Wing Getaway, New Smyrna Beach
Mar 6 FL2-V Poker Run/Bike Show, Sebring
Mar 18-20 Florida District Rally, Kissimmee
Apr 1-3 Alabama District Rally, Madison
Apr 3 FL1-B Poker Run/Fun Day, Brandon
Apr 17 FL1-R Rally/Poker Run, Dunnellon
Apr 24 FL1-X Hug Contest/Poker Run, Orange Park
Apr 24 FL1-D Annual Submarine Races, Gulf Breeze
Apr 29-May 1 South Carolina District Rally, Greenville
May 28-29 FL1-Y Casino Poker Run, Gainesville
Jun 17-19 Georgia District Rally, Hawassee
July 4-8 Wing Ding, Grapevine, Texas
Sep 9-11 Region A Rally, Helen
Sep 25/26 FL1-T Camp Out & Bike Show, Crystal River
Oct 1-2 Panhandle Bandits Annual Getaway, Crestview
Oct 2 FL2-L Poker Run/Bike Show, Lakeland
Oct 3 FL1-H Volusia Mall Show, Daytona
Oct 9 FL2-E Honda Direct Open House, Miami
Oct 14-16 Mississippi District Rally, Biloxi
Oct 23 FL1-C Picnic In The Park, Orlando
Oct 30 FL2-Z Halloween Poker Run, Palm Beach
Nov 7 FL1-D2 Angelus House, Hudson
Nov 7 FL2-R Gourmet Goulash, Clewiston

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Attention Chapter CDs

Wedding Vow Renewal, February 14, FL2-E will be canceled. Only "one" registration (Rod & Suzan Cullen)...(plus Joyce and myself). If we had at least 30 or 40 by now I would hold off and see what happens until February 1st...but, it looks like a cancellation is the right thing to do here. I even checked with the hotels and there is "not one" reservation.

Denny & Joyce
FL2-E

Email From Wendell

Hi to all from Ft. Lauderdale,

Just wanted to drop you all a note and let you know all is ok here in the south. The move went well and I think I'm finally getting settled in although not used to the "big city" yet....not sure I ever will get used to that or if I even want to!!

I hope all of you are well and happy up there in the northland!! I do miss the group there....even all the teasing!! haha!! Haven't met up with the group down here yet. I sent the chapter director an email shortly after I got here but got no response, so evidently they aren't as friendly and eager for new members here as Melbourne/Palm Bay was. I always felt welcomed in the group there right from the first day, and would like to say a big "thankyou" to you all for that!!

If any of you make a trip down this way at any time, I'd love to see you again. Just drop me an email or you can call me on my cell phone...the number is still the same....(863) 634-7349.

Oh, by the way Charlie, there are some nice golf courses down here too!! haha!!

I think Carla and I plan to ride up to Daytona during bike week, but it will probably be on a Thursday. If anyone from there is interested in riding up for the day we'd love to hook up with you on our way through.

Well, I'd better get off here and get back to work. Best wishes to all and I hope to hear from you soon!!

*Regards,
Wendell & Carla*

P.S. As you can see, my email address has changed....My new ones are: JWSGW2@AOL.COM or JWSGW@YAHOO.COM. Either one will get to me.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

2/21	John Campbell
2/23	George Ricci
3/3	Gene Hall

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3 MONTHLY CHAPTER MTG AT DOTTIES 6PM TO EAT 7PM TO MEET	4	5	6 MOONLIGHT DINNER RIDE TO CORKY BELLS - 7PM	7 SPAGHETTI SOCIAL - FL1-M CLEARWATER
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 RENEW YOUR VOWS CANCELLED OVERNIGHT TO OLUSTEE NEAR LAKE CITY
15	16	17	18	19	20 KICK TIRE VIC'S SEBASTIAN 7PM	21 FL2-N FUNDAY FOOD FEST COCOA B-DAY JOHN CAMPBELL
22	23 B-DAY GEORGE RICCI	24	25	26	27	28
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Monthly business meetings are held on the first Tuesday
 of every month at 7:00pm at Dottie's restaurant
 5275 Babcock St. NE, Palm Bay, Florida.
 Kicktires are held Friday evenings at 7:00pm at
 various locations, call 321-952-1448 for information.

MARCH 2004

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7	8	9	10	11	12 KICKTIRE - TBD	13 PARKING LOT PRACTICE - LOCATION TBD
14	15	16	17	18 FLORIDA DISTRICT RALLY	19 FLORIDA DISTRICT RALLY	20 FLORIDA DISTRICT RALLY
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