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Harry's Highlights

WELL I HOPE ALL OF YOU HAD A HAPPY HOLIDAY.

FOR THOSE OF YOU THAT DIDN'T ATTEND THE CHRISTMAS PARTY, I WANT TO TELL YOU THAT, WE ALL HAD A GREAT TIME. LYNN DID A FANTASTIC JOB OF DECORATING THE ROOM FOR US. AS USUAL THE GIFT EXCHANGE TURNED OUT WEL; I DON'T REMEMBER ANY BAD GIFTS. THE FOOD WAS ALSO GOOD. EVEN THE WEATHER COOPER-

ATED AND WE HAD A NICE EVENING FOR A RIDE DOWN AND BACK. THE STAFF WILL BE ATTENDING THE DISTRICT CHAPTER DIRECTORS MEETING THE FIRST WEEKEND IN JANUARY. WE SHOULD ALL LEARN A FEW THINGS. I HAVEN'T SEEN THE KICKTIRE OR RIDE SCHEDULE YET BUT WE ARE RIGHT IN THE GOOD RIDING TIME AND I KNOW THERE WILL BE PLENTY. SEE YOU ALL AT THE MEETING.
HARRY



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Member Profiles

WHEN IT ALL STARTED

By: Mike Duquette

My brothers took me for rides on their

bikes. I had so much fun on the back seat I thought I would try the front seat, so when I was 14 in 1957 I pushed my brother's '47 knucklehead out of the garage and down the alley far enough so he wouldn't hear

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Member Profiles (cont'd)

near Paris. I got a Vespa scooter and it got me around for a while but not fast. Next I got an old 500 Matchless; it was old and didn't last long. The next vehicle I owned was 1963 Triumph Spitfire 4. It was a lot of fun, but I missed riding so I got a BMW 500. I rode that and a Triumph 650 until I got out of the service.

bike I ever had - a CB 750 Honda. Pat didn't ride with me much at the time. She was busy taking care of our two kids, but our time came later.

I got my first Goldwing in 1985. The Wing was a 1975 that I restored frame up and I had that bike until the 1990s. Then I sold it and bought a 1987 at the district rally in Ocala, Florida.

All my bikes so far had been black except the red dream; I was looking around for a bike and someone we used to ride with came into Sam's one day. He said was selling his 1995

magenta (purple) Wing. I told him I would look at it. I did, and fell in love with it.

Pat and I enjoy riding and rallying with our friends at FL2D and GWRRA and look forward to a lot more fun to come.

Pat and Mike Duquette



That changed things a lot. It had a cb radio and intercom. Pat liked that a lot as she could talk to me without having to yell over the noise. We went to a lot of rallies on that bike. Pat liked that one the best.

I met Pat in 1964 when I owned a beautiful red Honda dream with whitewalls; it looked cool! Pat and I used to bar-hop on that one.

I traded it in on a 1994 that I didn't

ride much. I had two surgeries on my shoulders and sold it.

Pat and I were married in 1968 and I had dirt bikes and then got the best

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THE BEST OFFENSE IS A GOOD DEFENSE



The Learning Page

By: Jerry "Motorman" Paladino

It's been said that the best offense is a good defense. Well, when riding a motorcycle, a good defense is exactly what you need, if you want to live to be a ripe old biker.

Here's scenario #1. You're cruising down the left lane of the highway, the vehicle in front of you signals a left hand turn.

Of course, you are looking way ahead, as you should be, and you can see the left turn lane approaching. The vehicle starts to move into the left turn lane and now the question is, where should you be? I would say, if you're like me and you like to ride in the left portion of your lane, you should now move as far right in your lane as you can. The reason I say this, is because so many times I've seen the driver decide at the last second to change his mind and suddenly pull back into the left lane.

You can almost bet he neither knows you are there, or cares. If you move to the right part of your lane, start covering your brakes and get prepared for him to move back into the left hand lane, you will at least have half a chance of being able to squeeze by him

and the car to your right. Always plan for the worse and be prepared for it.

Here's scenario #2. You are on a 3 lane highway heading north, there's an island which separates the roadway from

"You can almost bet he neither knows you are there, or cares."

the southbound 3 lanes and there is a break in the island which allows cars to cross from one side to the other.

You see an SUV in the island waiting to make a left hand turn. What you can't see is the vehicle to the north of the SUV which is trying to pull into your side of the roadway. If you can't see that vehicle, you can bet he can't see you. About 50% of the time, especially if it is a busy roadway, you can bet that vehicle you can't see is going to pull right out in front of you. You should always be prepared for a situation like this. Remember, he might end up with a dented fender, but you would be lucky to survive such a situation.

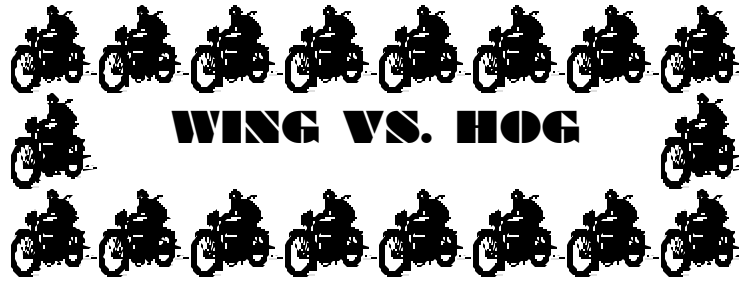
What should you do? Well, it's just common sense. Slow down as you approach the break in the road, cover your brakes, check your right side rear view mirror and prepare

to either brake or swerve. Remember, you can't do both at the same time. Plan ahead in your mind what you are going to do. The same thing applies if a vehicle to your right is attempting to pull onto the highway in your path from a side road. If you always plan for the worse, you'll be ready when it happens, because after all, you've got a plan.

Remember, when you are riding a motorcycle, you need to be defensive. It could mean your life.

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The difference between Harley riders and Goldwing drivers:

Harley riders: "Live to ride. Ride to Live."

Goldwing drivers: "Eat to ride. Ride to eat"

Harley riders: "Loud pipes save lives. "

Goldwing drivers: "Honey, will you turn down the radio?"

Harley riders: Black leather jacket and chaps

Goldwing drivers: Red snowmobile suit

Harley riders: Black leather vest with chain closure and skull and lightning bolt on the back

Goldwing drivers: Gray twill vest

with trading pins and Association chapter patch on the back

Harley riders: Meets other riders at "The Dam Ice House" Saloon

Goldwing drivers: Meets other riders at Denny's

Harley riders: Biker Mama on the back.

Goldwing drivers: HER Mama on the back.

Harley riders: Cross city ride ends at topless bar.

Goldwing drivers: Cross country ride ends at Dairy Queen

Harley riders: National riders group meeting called "Hog Rally".

Goldwing drivers: International group affair called "Wing Ding" or "Gold Rush".

Harley riders: Riding in groups of

two.

Goldwing drivers: Riding in groups of twenty.

Harley riders: Ape hanger bars and (proctologists dream) splinter seats.

Goldwing drivers: Big wide seats for big wide butts.

Harley riders: Rolling thunder.

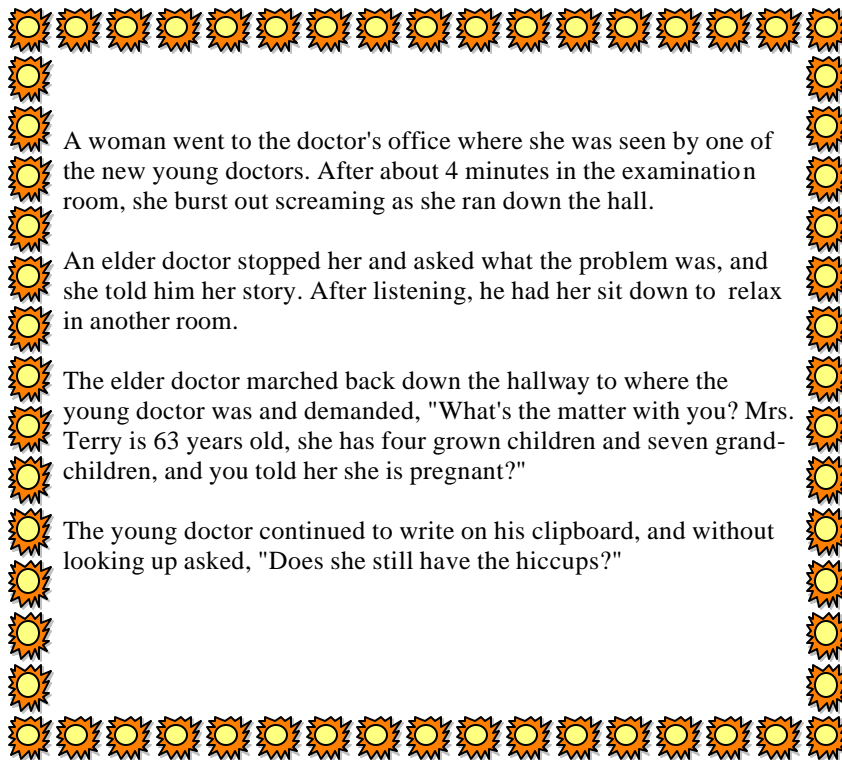
Goldwing drivers: BarcoLounger with wheels

Harley riders: Do rags covering up steel plate in the head from riding without a helmet. But looking COOL.

Goldwing drivers: Helmet with headset and microphones, covered in reflective patches

Harley riders: "This beer is flat, let's trash the place."

Goldwing drivers: "This cappuccino is cold. Let's only tip 10%."



A woman went to the doctor's office where she was seen by one of the new young doctors. After about 4 minutes in the examination room, she burst out screaming as she ran down the hall.

An elder doctor stopped her and asked what the problem was, and she told him her story. After listening, he had her sit down to relax in another room.

The elder doctor marched back down the hallway to where the young doctor was and demanded, "What's the matter with you? Mrs. Terry is 63 years old, she has four grown children and seven grandchildren, and you told her she is pregnant?"

The young doctor continued to write on his clipboard, and without looking up asked, "Does she still have the hiccups?"

Smile, you're on FL2D's candid camera!

2003 Christmas Party



Florida Chapter Rally Dates

2004 POKER RUN DATES

Jan 3-4 CHAPTER DIRECTOR CONFERENCE (KISSIMMEE) come to Friday night (2nd) social
Jan 25 FL1-C 5 Chapter Breakfast, Orlando
Feb 7 FL1-M Spaghetti Social, Clearwater
Feb 14 FL2-E Renew Wedding Vows, GW Style, Miami
Feb 14 NEW FL1-W, Kick Off, Apopka NEW - West Orlando
Feb.21 FL2-N Fun Day & International Food Fest, Cocoa Beach
Feb 21 FL1-A2 Poker Run, Tallahassee
Feb 27-Mar 6 FL1-H Goldwing Getaway, New Smyrna Beach
Mar 6 FL2-V Poker Run & Bike Show, Sebring
Mar 18-20 FLORIDA DISTRICT RALLY, KISSIMMEE
Apr 17 FL1-R Rally/Poker Run, Dunnellon
Apr 24 FL1-X Wing Fling, Orange Park
Oct 2 FL2-L Poker Run & Bike Show, Lakeland

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January 2004

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Chapter Directors' Meeting in Kissimmee	3 Chapter Directors' Meeting in Kissimmee
4 Chapter Directors' Meeting in Kissimmee	5	6 Monthly Chapter Meeting at Dottie's	7	8	9	10 Chapter Z visit— Palm Beach
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 Dinner Ride to Norris's BBQ in Ft. Pierce—2PM
18	19	20	21	22	23 Kicktires—Wagon Wheel Pizza in Palm Bay—7PM	24
25 5 Chapter Break- fast in Orlando	26	27	28	29	30 Kicktires— Long Doggers (beachside) - 7PM	31


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.

February 2004

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Monthly Chapter Meeting at Dottie's	4	5	6 Moonlight Dinner ride to Corky Bell's - 7PM	7 Spaghetti Social - FL1-M - Clearwater
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 Renew Yours Vows - FL2-E - Miami
15	16	17	18	19	20 KickTires - Vic's in Sebastian - 7PM	21 Fun Day and Food-Fest - FL2-N - Cocoa
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 Breakfast Ride to Steve's Famous Diner - Daytona - 7AM
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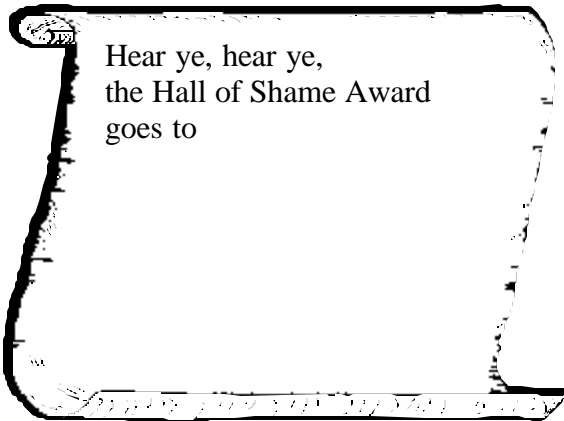
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February

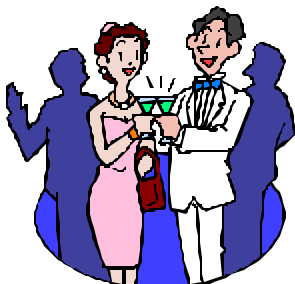
- 4th Dorinda Campbell
- 6th Garrett Lopez
- 9th Terry Borrelli
- 16th Ron Weber
- 20th Vic Doherty
- 23rd Peg Nichols

- 6th Fran Krzeminski
- 13th Sandy Voorhies
- 21st John Campbell
- 23rd George Ricci

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

January

February



- 5th Gail & Mike Telesca
- 13th Chris & Ed Ivans
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