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Harry's Highlights

BEFORE I START TO TELL ALL OF YOU WHAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING, I WANT TO CONGRATULATE JOHN AND DORINDA CAMPBELL FOR THE OUTSTANDING NEWS-

LETTER. WE HAD A FAIR TURN OUT AT THE MONTHLY MEETING, THE FATHERS WERE ALL GIVEN A LITTLE SOMETHING. SEVENTEEN PERSONS TURNED OUT FOR THE FIRST AID/ CPR COURSE, SO I GUESS WE ARE PRETTY WELL COV-

ERED IN CASE OF EMERGENCIES. THE NEXT TRAINING I WOULD LIKE TO GET FOR THE CHAPTER IS "THE ROAD CAPTAINS COURSE", I WILL ADVISE.

THE KICK TIRE AT HOOTERS' WAS A HOOT, HA HA. THERE ARE PHOTOS, I THINK.

THOSE OF YOU WHO CAME TO THE MEETING WOULD HAVE KNOWN THAT THE CHAPTER WAS BUYING THE WINGS. THE HOOTER GIRLS JUST LOVED CHARLIE AND

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New Smyrna Beach Parade

FL2D joined with the Daytona chapter and the Daytona Drill Team in carrying the flags for GWRRA in the New Smyrna Beach

Fourth of July parade. The parade took place on Saturday evening, June 28th. Representing FL2D were Harry, Charlie

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New Smyrna Beach Parade

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and JoAnne, Carl, Mike and Charlotte. John and Dorinda were also there, but rode with the Daytona Drill Team.

The Parade was a short one, only about 5 or

6 blocks long, but was fun. In addition to all the groups in the parade, a large

group of pilots flew their aircraft in formation above the



FL2D at The NSB Parade

parade. It was quite a

After the parade, we all went to dinner at a steak and seafood restaurant in Edgewater. As usual, we rowdies were given a room to ourselves in the back of the restaurant.

After stuffing ourselves, we headed for home down US1 with just a brief stop for JoAnne's benefit (too much meat tenderizer on her steak). All in all, it was an enjoyable evening and we managed to avoid the rain for the most part (just a few sprinkles).

Harry's Highlights (cont'd)

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GAVE HIM A TREAT.
DINNER AT MEG O'MALLEY'S
ON SATURDAY WAS GREAT
BUT NO ONE CAME ON
THEIR WING, GO FIGURE.
THERE ARE SOME GOOD
RIDES COMING UP SO LETS
GET OUT THERE.
ONE MORE THING, SEVERAL
OF US ARE PLANNING TO
ATTEND THE REGION "A"
RALLY IN HELEN, GA. SEP-
TEMBER 4TH,5TH &6TH, IF
ANYONE IS INTERESTED.
THAT'S ALL FOR NOW, I
HAVE TO GET THIS TO THE
NEWSLETTER EDITORS OR
ELSE.

Two guys were discussing popular family trends on sex, marriage, and values.

Stu said, "I didn't sleep with my wife before we got married. Did you?"
Leroy replied, "I'm not sure. What was her maiden name?"



“Back to the Basics”

By: Jerry “Motorman” Paladino



The Learning Page

The first thing you must master is head and eyes. What this means exactly, is that wherever you look, that's where the bike will go. The reason the phrase head and eyes is used is that if you turn your head to the right, but your eyes look straight ahead, the technique WILL NOT work. Both your head and eyes must turn in the direction you want the bike to go. Never look down unless you want to go down. Head and eyes does take practice to become second nature. The good news is that you can practice this technique every time you are on your motorcycle. Simply pulling out of your driveway, for instance, if you are turning to the right, turn your head and eyes to the right, look down the road where you want the motorcycle to go and you'll immediately notice you will be making a much tighter turn than normal. When you stop at a stop sign and are about to make a left hand turn, turn your head and eyes to the left, avoid looking at the curb or the center line of the road and focus on where you want the bike to end up and you will find you will never drift towards the curb or the center line of the road. You can even practice this technique on a bicycle by making U-turns on the street in front of your own home.

The second technique you must learn is how to use the friction zone. The friction zone is the area on the clutch between fully open and fully closed. In other words, as you let the clutch out and the bike starts to move, you're entering the friction zone. An easy way to become accustomed to riding the bike in the friction zone is to practice the slow race. That is simply going as slow as you possibly can without releasing the clutch completely

“Never look down unless you want to go down.”

The third technique is the proper use of the rear or controlling brake. With the motorcycle in the friction zone, keep your foot on the rear brake and feather it as the bike starts to move. By doing this you are making the motorcycle think it's going faster than it is. When you apply power and keep your foot on the rear brake, it keeps the motorcycle from falling over at low speeds which is where most people have a problem. I've never heard of anyone having problems balancing their motorcycle at 50 or 60mph. If you don't use these techniques at 5 or 10mph the motorcycle feels clumsy and wants to fall over on it's side.

AVOID using the front brake at all costs when riding at parking lot speeds, as applying the front brake at 5 or 10mph with the handle bars turned even slightly, will pull you to the ground like a magnet. Of course, once above parking lot speeds, you must use the front brake as well as the rear brake, as 70% of your braking power comes from the front brake.

Avoid dragging your feet along the ground as this tends to upset the balance of the motorcycle, and of course, if your feet are dragging on the ground you cannot have your foot on the brake. As soon as you start to move your bike from a complete stop, both feet should automatically come up to the floor boards or pegs and your right foot should be feathering the rear brake. Once you master these three simple techniques, you will be amazed at the tight maneuvers your bike can perform. You'll know you've gotten it right when you can make full lock turns in both directions at 5mph with the pegs or boards scraping a perfect circle in the pavement.

Remember, all it takes is a little practice. Good Luck!

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Having a Bad Day?

THINK YOU'RE HAVING A BAD DAY.... check out these actual cases:

Fire authorities in California found a corpse in a burned-out section of forest while assessing the damage done by a forest fire. The deceased male was dressed in a full wet suit, complete with scuba tanks on his back, flippers, and facemask.

A post-mortem test revealed that the man died not from burns, but from massive internal injuries. Dental records provided a positive identification. Investigators then set about to determine how a fully-clad diver ended up in the middle of a forest fire. It was revealed that on the day of the fire, the man went diving off the coast, some 20 miles from the forest. The fire fighters, seeking to control the fire as quickly as possible, had called in a fleet of helicopters with very large dip buckets. Water was dipped from the ocean and emptied at the site of the forest fire. You guessed it. One minute our diver was making like Flipper in the Pacific, the next, he was doing the breast stroke in a fire dip bucket 300 feet in the air. Some days it just doesn't pay to get out of

bed.

Still having a bad day? Just remember, it could be worse... The average cost of rehabilitating a seal after the Exxon Valdez oil spill in Alaska was \$80,000. At a special ceremony, two of the most expensively saved animals were being released back into the wild amid cheers and applause from onlookers. A minute later, in full view, a killer whale ate them both.

Still think you are having a bad day?

A woman came home to find her husband in the kitchen shaking frantically, almost in a dancing frenzy, with some kind of wire running from his waist towards the electric kettle. Intending to jolt him away from the deadly current, she whacked him with a handy plank of wood, breaking his arm in two places. Up to that moment, he had been happily listening to his Walkman.

STILL think you're having a bad day?

A man was working on his motorcycle on the patio, his wife nearby in the

kitchen. While revving the engine, the motorcycle accidentally slipped into gear. The man, still holding onto the handlebars, was dragged along as it burst through the glass patio doors. His wife, hearing the crash, ran in the room to find her husband cut and bleeding, the motorcycle, and the shattered patio door. She called for an ambulance and, because the house sat on a fairly large hill, went down the several flights of stairs to meet the paramedics and escort them to her husband. While the attendants were loading her husband, the wife managed to right the motorcycle and push it outside. She also quickly blotted up the spilled gasoline with some paper towels and tossed them into the toilet. After being treated and released, the man returned home, looked at the shattered patio door and the damage done to his motorcycle. He went into the bathroom and consoled himself with a cigarette while attending to his business. About to stand, he flipped the butt between his legs. The wife, who was in the kitchen, heard a loud explosion and her

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

Chapter Dinner At Hooters



Harry, your eyes are supposed to be on the camera!



Jeepers, Creepers where'd you get those...oops,sorry, doesn't rhyme!

Having a Bad Day?

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husband screaming. Finding him lying on the bathroom floor with his trousers blown away and burns on his buttocks, legs and groin, she once again phoned for an ambulance. The same paramedic crew was dispatched. As the paramedics carried the man down the stairs to the ambulance they asked the wife how he had come to burn himself. She told them. They started

laughing so hard, one slipped, tipping the stretcher and dumping the husband out. He fell down the remaining stairs, breaking his arm.

What?! STILL having a bad day??

Iraqi terrorist Khay Rahnajet didn't pay enough postage on a letter bomb. It came back with "return to sender"

stamped on it. Forgetting it was the bomb, he opened it and was blown to bits.

There now, feeling better???????????

Florida Chapter Rally Dates

2003 POKER RUN DATES **Mark your calendars NOW!!!**

June 12-14 Georgia District Rally, Hiawassee
July 1-4 Wing Ding XXV, Madison, Wisconsin
Aug 2 **NEW** FL1-A2 Bike Show, Tallahassee **NEW**
Aug 9 **NEW** FL2-E Lazy, Hazy, Crazy Days Miami **NEW**
Sept 5-7 Region "A" Rally, Helen, GA
Sept 27 FL1-C Biketoberfest, Apopka
Oct 4 FL2-L Poker Run/Bike Show, Lakeland
Oct 4 FL1-0 Bandit Getaway, Crestview
Oct 5 FL1-H Mall Bike Show, Daytona Beach
Oct 11 **NEW** FL1-T Open House/Poker Run, Crystal River **NEW**
Oct. 12 FL1-D2 Angelus Home Fun Day, New Port Richey
Oct 16-18 Mississippi District Rally, Biloxi
Nov 2 FL2-R Gourmet Goulash, Clewiston
Nov 8 FL1-H2 WingFest, Winter Garden
Nov 9 FL2-A 25th Anniv. Party, Delray Beach
Nov 29 FL1-A Boggy Bottom, Tampa (Keysville)
Dec 13 FL1-S Mingle Jingle, Zephyrhills
Dec 13 FL1-L Lighted Bike Ride, DeFuniak Springs

Changes as of June, 2003

July 2003

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Monthly Chapter Meeting at Dottie's at 7PM	2	3	4	5
Wing Ding—Madison, WI						
6	7	8	9 FL2N Kick tire at Sonic on Wickham Rd at 6PM	10	11	12 Picnic Ride to Bok Tower at 9 AM
13	14	15	16	17	18 Kick-Tire at Eau Gallie River Crab House at 7 PM	19
20	21	22 Newsletter Articles Due	23	24	25	26 Flea Market Ride at 8 AM
Honda Homecoming—Marysville, OH						
27	28	29 Staff meeting	30	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.

August 2003

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Road Captains Course at Harry's and dinner ride
3	4	5 Monthly Chapter Meeting at Dottie's	6	7	8	9 Kick tire and clas- sic car show at Sonic 6 to 9 PM
10	11	12	13	14	15 Kick Tire at Chowder's at 7 PM	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 Breakfast and Winery ride at 8 AM
24	25	26 Staff Meeting	27	28	29 Kick tires at Mur- docks in Cocoa Village at 7 PM	30
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- JULY 7
MIKE TELESKA
- JULY 11
MARY JO DANE
- JULY 22
DON TOSTI
- JULY 25
BARBARA WALKER
- MIKE MERCER
- JULY 29
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goes to

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