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Harry's Highlights

WELL HELLO ALL, IT HAS BEEN A WHILE SINCE MY LAST ARTICLE WHAT WITH HURRICANES, COMPUTER PROBLEMS AND A LOT OF OTHER THINGS.

WE ALL HAVE HAD AN EVENTFUL SUMMER AND NOT MUCH TIME TO RIDE.

NOW THAT THINGS HAVE BEGUN TO CALM DOWN AND THE WEATHER IS GETTING GREAT I HOPE WE CAN ALL GET OUT AND

RIDE. WE HAVE A COUPLE OF RALLIES COMING UP (CHECK THE CALENDAR),

BUT WE ARE GOING TO SCHEDULE SOME RIDES JUST FOR THE SAKE OF RIDING, WHERE

WE DON'T HAVE TO GO AND SPEND A LOT

OF MONEY AND PLAY GAMES.

FOR THOSE OF YOU THAT MISSED RIDING THIS MONTH WE HAD TWO RIDES TO DAYTONA, ONE FOR BREAKFAST AND THE OTHER FOR BIKETOBERFEST. WE ALSO WENT TO FT. CHRISTMAS (A NEAT PLACE IF YOU HAVEN'T BEEN THERE) FOR THE FL1C RALLY.

THE CHRISTMAS PARTY WILL BE DECEMBER 11TH AT MARSH LANDING IN FELLSMERE, FL. THIS IS THE SAME PLACE AS LAST YEAR. I HAVE SENT OUT THE MENU. I NEED TO KNOW WHO IS GOING AND HAVE THEIR MONEY BY 30 NOVEMBER. YOUR STAFF AND I ARE IN THE PROCESS OF PLANNING A BIG RIDE, LONG RIDE FOR NEXT MAY. WE

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Harry's Highlights (cont'd)

WOULD LIKE TO GO TO THE GWRRA REGION N RALLY WHICH WILL BE IN MAGGIE VALLEY NORTH CAROLINA. THIS WILL BE MORE THAN AN OVERNIGHTER. FOR THOSE OF YOU THAT DON'T KNOW WHERE I AM TALKING ABOUT, THIS IS UP ON THE WESTERN EDGE OF NORTH CAROLINA IN THE SMOKY MOUNTAINS AND NEAR THE BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY. GREAT RIDING

"THE CHRISTMAS PARTY WILL BE DECEMBER 11TH AT MARSH LANDING IN FELLSMERE, FL"

AREA! JUST PUT THIS IN THE BACK OF YOUR MIND WE WILL TALK ABOUT IT MORE LATER.

ONCE AGAIN I WOULD LIKE TO REMIND YOU THAT THE STAFF AND I WOULD LIKE TO HEAR YOUR IDEAS ON

RIDES, KICK-TIRES, ETC. REMEMBER THIS IS YOUR CHAPTER AND WE NEED YOUR INPUT.

HARRY

time we started to head back for seconds, they were taking down breakfast and setting up for lunch. Seems they had had several busloads of people come in earlier and as a result they had run out of many of their breakfast items. But, we all did manage to get in enough food to hold us for the ride home at least.

We took A1A coming back and had a pleasant ride. Throughout the ride it was interesting to see how much debris was still left roadside to be hauled away. The hurricanes sure took their toll down that way.

All in all it was an enjoyable ride and we were still back early enough to get ready for the Trick or Treaters!

Ride To Fort Pierce

On Halloween Sunday we took a morning ride to Fort Pierce for breakfast.

Leaving from Melbourne were Harry (sans Lynn), Carl (no Gail), Ralph (no Nancy), John and Dorinda. We met and Harry and Lynn's to depart. As we started to get underway, Ralph couldn't get his bike started. Diagnosed the problem as a discharged battery due to a loose terminal connection. Tightened the terminal and jump started the battery and we were underway.

Along the way Mike and Charlotte joined us, as did Tony and Judy and Jack and Wanda.

Rode down US1 into Ft. Pierce and then cut across on SR70 to the Golden Corral. After parking our bikes we proceeded to the restaurant to find that it was packed! Took a little while, but they managed to get us a few tables that they put together so we could seat the group. It was about 10:30am and breakfast was supposed to conclude around 11am. Well, by the

CRASHES INVOLVING MOTORCYCLES

By: Jerry "Motorman" Paladino



The Learning Page

Most single vehicle crashes involving motorcycles, occur while negotiating a curve. Accident investigators have found that the crash is almost always the riders fault and was not due to sand or gravel on the road along with other obstacles. Investigators have also found that in most cases, the motorcycle was capable of making the curve at the speed the rider was travelling.

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So, why did the rider crash????

What generally happens is the rider believes he/she is going too fast to complete the turn so they hit the brake with the bike leaned over, consequently, the bike slides out

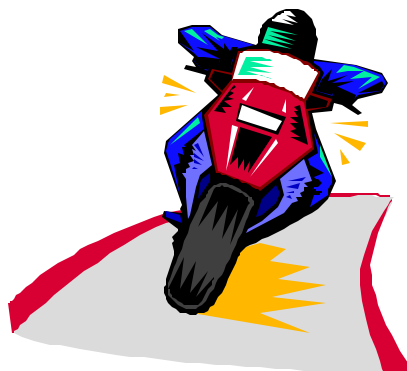
from under the rider or the rider releases the brake and high sides. Some riders will hear the pegs scrape, panic, and straighten the bike up and run right off the road. Others will simply look at the edge of the road and of course, the bike will go where you are looking and you will ride off the edge of the road. To avoid these situations is very easy.

First, become familiar with the maximum lean angle of your bike. Do so in a parking lot at low speeds. You will find that scraping the pegs still allows you to maintain control and is not a reason to panic and straighten up the bike.

Second, NEVER brake hard

in a turn with the bike leaned over. If you're going to have to brake hard, you must first straighten the bike up even if it means going into the opposing lane. The safest procedure for negotiating a curve is to place the motorcycle in the portion of the lane which gives you the most visibility around the turn. Quite simply, if the road curves to the right, you should be in the left side of your lane looking to the end of the curve and visa versa. You need to look as far to the end of the curve as you possibly can and keep your head level with the horizon.

NEVER look at the line in the road or the vehicles coming in the opposite direction. Your braking should be done before entering the curve. Now, go find a winding road and have some fun practicing this technique.



ANIMALS DON'T TALK

While riding one day, a lone Biker met a Farmer riding a horse with a dog and a sheep alongside. The biker began a conversation

Biker: "Hey, cool dog you got there. Mind if I speak to him?"

Farmer: "Dogs don't talk."

Biker: "Hey dog, how's it going?"

Dog: "Doin' alright."

Farmer: Look of shock.

Biker: "Is this your owner?" pointing at the Farmer.

Dog: "Yep."

Biker: "How does he treat you?"

Dog: "Really well. He walks me twice a day, feeds me great food, and takes me to the river once a week to play."

Farmer: Look of total disbelief.

Biker: "Mind if I talk to your horse?"

Farmer: "Horses don't talk."

Biker: "Hey horse, how's it going?"

Horse: "Cool."

Farmer: Extreme look of shock.

Biker: "Is this your owner? " pointing at the Farmer.

Horse: "Yessiree Bob."

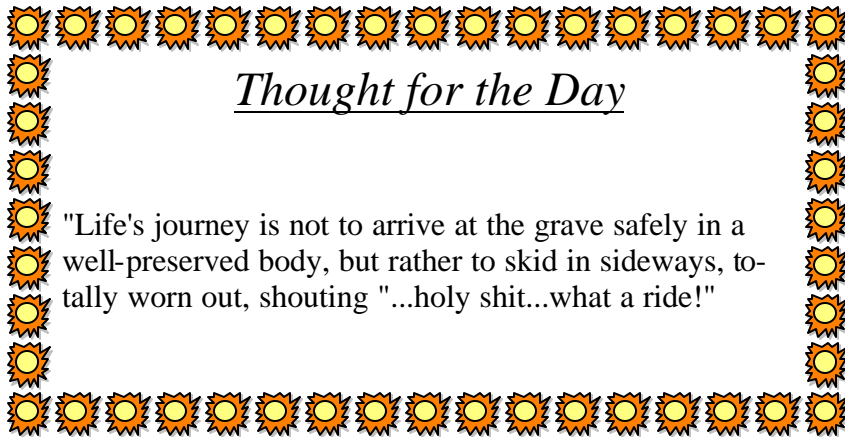
Biker: "How's he treating you?"

Horse: "Pretty good, and thanks for asking. He rides me regularly, brushes me down often, and keeps me in a shed to protect me."

Farmer: Total look of utter amazement.

Biker: "Mind if I talk to your sheep?"

Farmer: "The sheep is a liar."



Thought for the Day

"Life's journey is not to arrive at the grave safely in a well-preserved body, but rather to skid in sideways, totally worn out, shouting "...holy shit...what a ride!"

Florida Chapter Rally Dates

2004 POKER RUN DATES

Oct. 14-16 Mississippi Dist. Rally, Biloxi
Oct 21-24 Drill Team Biketober Vendoer Show, New Smyrna
Oct 23 FL1-C, Picinic in the Park, Orlando
Oct 30 FL2-Z, Halloween Poker Run, Palm Beach
Nov. 6-7 **NEW** Rider Ed Fair, St. Petersburg **NEW**
Nov. 7 FL2-R, Gourmet Goulash, Clewiston
Nov. 13 FL1-H2, Poker Run, Orlando
Nov. 14 FL1-D2, Angelius House, Hudson
Nov. 20 NEW FL1-X 4th Annual Spaghetti Social, Jacksonville NEW
Nov. 25-27 FL1-A, 10th Annual Poker Run, Lutz
Dec 11 FL1-S, Mingle Jingle, Zephyrhills

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November 2004

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 FL2R Gourmet Goulash In Clewiston	8	9	10	11	12	13 FL1H2 Chili Fiesta in Orlando
14 Parking Lot Practice Babcock and Hibiscus behind Bennets Auto	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 FLIA Annual poker Run - Lutz, FL
28	29	30				

Monthly business meetings are held on the first Tuesday
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December 2004

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 Brevard Toy Run	6	7	8	9	10	11 <i>FL2D Christmas Party</i>
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

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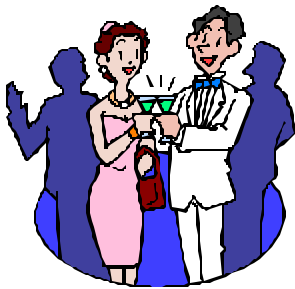
November

- 6th Donnie Morlan
- 11th Zach Duquette
- 16th Carl Vetzel
- 17th Bud Burbine
- 25th Linda Mitts
- 26th Gail Telesca

December

- 2nd Patti Wilson
- 9th Charlotte Mercer
- 13th Tony Krzeminski
- 15th Roger Mansfield
- 16th Morris Reid
- 18th Brenda Wilson
- 30th Steve Borelli

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



November

- 2nd Tony & Judy Howe
- 18th Harry & Lynn Anderson

December

- 16th Ralph & Nancy Feightner
- 27th Duane and Ann Miller
- 28th Carl & Gail Vetzel

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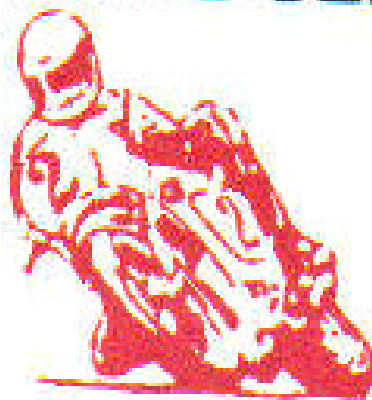
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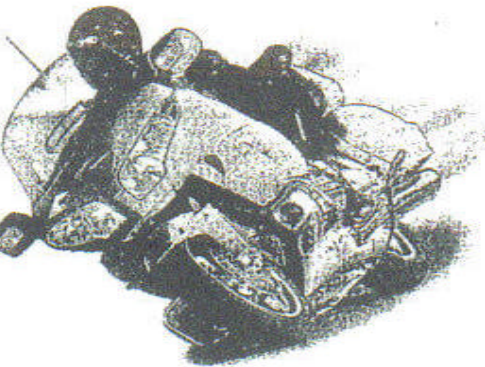


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