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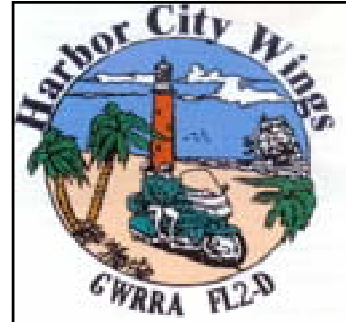
GOLDWING ROADRIDERS ASSOC.

Chapter Directors Highlights

Our Chapter meeting was held at the Golden Coral on Palm Bay Road across from Walmart. We had a good turnout with numerous members of the Titusville Chapter visiting. We were pleased to have them and appreciate their support.

Once again, as a reminder, especially for our soon to be arriving Snow Bird members, we hold our Chapter meetings on the First Tuesday of the Month. While the place changes from time to time, we are now meeting at the Golden Coral as mentioned above. Dinner and conversation is at 6:00 . The meeting starts at 7:00.

We are rapidly approaching that time of the year when our Snow Birds begin to return. We look forward to seeing our old and new friends once again.



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2007 FLORIDA GWRRA EVENTS

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|--------------------|--|-------------------------|
| Sept. 8 | FL1-A Picnic/Auction | Tampa |
| Sept. 13-15 | Region "A" Rally | Perry |
| Oct. 7 | FL1-H Mall Bike Show | Daytona |
| Oct. 11-13 | Mississippi District Rally | Biloxi |
| Oct. 13 | FL2-N Halloween Costume Party | Cocoa |
| Oct. 18-21 | FL1-H Biketoberfest | New Smyrna Beach |
| Oct. 19-20 | Annual Panhandle Bandit Getaway | Panama City |
| Nov. 3 | FL1-X Four Chapter Spaghetti Social | Orange Park |
| Nov. 4 | Ride For Kids, Sarasota County Technical Institute. | |
| Nov. 10 | FL1-L2 Rally/Poker Run | Brooksville |
| Nov. 11 | FL2-O 25th Anniversary Party | Stuart |
| Nov. 17 | Florida District Rider Ed Fair | ST. Petersburg |
| Dec. 15 | FL1-S Mingle Jingle | Zephyrhills |

2008 FLORIDA GWRRA EVENTS

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|-------------------|--|---------------------------|
| Jan. 4-6 | CD Conference, Hampton Inn | Daytona Beach |
| Jan. 19 | FL2-L Famous Couples Rally | Lakeland |
| Jan. 26 | FL1-O Annual Chilly Run | Crestview |
| Jan. 27 | FL2-N Five Chapter Breakfast | ocoa |
| Feb 22/23 | FL1-A2 Annual Mini-Rally | Lake Talquin |
| Mar. 13-15 | Florida District Rally | Kissimmee |
| Mar. 22 | FL1-Q Annual Charity Run | Milton |
| Apr. 5 | FL1-B Annual Fun Day | Brandon |
| Apr. 6 | FL1-E2 Annual Charity Poker Run | Ft. Walton Beach |
| Apr. 12 | FL1-W Green Eggs & Ham | Apopka |
| Apr. 19 | FL2-G 25th Anniversary | Fort Myers |
| Apr. 26 | FL1-X Biennial Country Fair Poker Run | Orange Park |
| May 3 | FL2-Z Night at the Oscars | Palm Beach |
| May 17 | FL1-V It's Five O'clock Somewhere | Jacksonville Beach |
| May 23-24 | FL1-Y Rally/Poker Run | Gainesville |
| July 3-6 | Wing Ding 30 | Greenville, SC |
| Nov. 15 | Florida District Rider Ed Fair | St. Petersburg |

Don't Panic

Group riding and GWRRA are synonymous. Friends for Fun, Safety, and Knowledge. Friends for Fun is what we are ultimately all about. The reason we are a part of GW and the reason we ride. We are not a group of loners. Safety, because we want to continue to ride for years to come with our friends. Knowledge, concerning all aspects of riding and camaraderie so we remain friends, have fun and remain safe. The circle of GWRRA rider education.

Group riding is... well... riding as a group... what we do every time we take a chapter ride. Unless only one bike shows up, which is rarely the case.

I know that most of you have been through our Road Captain's Course at either the State Rally or one of our local classes. Therefore, I won't go into all of the details herein. One of the intents of the Road Captain's course is to instruct on how to set up and execute the ride. The most important part being the scheduling of the breakfast, lunch, dinner, and snack stops... at least for me.

Group riding is to be a smoothly executed transition from beginning to destination. Everyone participating should know the route, speed, destination, timing, etc.. The most important part of this smoothly executed transition is the lead and tail. Consistently executed communications, consistently executed moves, consistently executed transitions.

Harry, I'm not pointing fingers. Ok, Ok, I am, but, not at any one person. I am pointing a finger at all of us who have at one time or another led a group. Myself included. Leading a group is difficult to get completely comfortable with. It takes practice, practice, practice, but most of all, it takes patience and smooth transitions.

Don't Panic. Smooth transitions. Onto the road. Off the road. At turns. Smooth transitions.

Remember and keep in the forefront of your mind when leading a group, that you are leading a group. A group that consists of experienced riders, inexperienced riders. Riders that are admiring homes,



birds, trees, and hamburger joints that are being passed by. Remember there are cars and trucks that are trying to join your group from the rear.

Don't panic. When looking for the next turn or for the next pull off into a Dunkin Donuts, make the group aware of ahead of time, that there is a turn ahead, especially if you are not sure exactly where the next turn is. Do not make immediate 90 degree turns in panic. Smooth transitions.

In summary, Don't Panic, don't make panic moves. Smooth transitions. It is never a problem if we miss a turn in order to make a smooth transition down the road. We are never in a hurry. All of us need to practice our U-turns. We all need someone to razz for getting us lost. That is a part of the fun of riding.

Smooth Transitions – Don't Panic.

Next month, riding with your GPS...

Ride safe and often

Mo...

Senior Chapter Educators
Mike and Pat Duquette

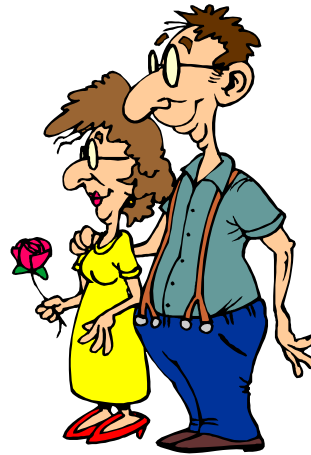
Assistant Chapter Educators
Mo and Deb Dalton

Birthday's

Anniversaries



10/14 Ray & Diane Mercier



10/2 Lynn Anderson
10/7 Gail Vetzel
10/8 Mo Dalton
10/11 Rex Meyer
10/13 Gary Maine
10/20 Harry Anderson
10/22 Vickie Maine
10/23 Leanne Milucky
10/24 Charlie Davies

"OLD" IS WHEN... Your sweetie says, "Let's go upstairs and make love," and you answer, "Pick one, I can't do both!". **"OLD" IS WHEN...** Your friends compliment you on your new alligator shoes.... and you're barefoot. **"OLD" IS WHEN...** A sexy babe catches your eye and your pace-maker opens the garage door. **"OLD" IS WHEN...** Going bra-less pulls all the wrinkles out of your face. **"OLD" IS WHEN...** You don't care where your spouse goes, just as long as you don't have to go along. **"OLD" IS WHEN...** You are cautioned to slow down by the doctor instead of by the police. **"OLD" IS WHEN...** "Getting a little action" means I don't need to take any fiber today. **"OLD" IS WHEN...** "Getting lucky" means you find your car in the parking lot. **"OLD" IS WHEN...** An "all-nighter" means not getting up to pee.

Time may be a great healer, but it's also a lousy beautician.

Brain cells come and brain cells go, but fat cells live forever.

Nothing is free. Even age. Age is the fee God charges for life.

You don't stop laughing because you grow old, you grow old because you stopped laughing.

October Chapter Events

| Date | Event |
|------|--|
| 7 | Triathlon escort |
| 16 | Kick-Tire: Frankie's Wings (Wickham) |
| 19 | Ride: Biketoberfest (& Breakfast) |
| 20 | Ride: Biketoberfest (tentative) |
| 30 | Kick-Tire: Ride & Dinner @ Kelsey's Port St John |

Other Major Events

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|-------|---|
| 6 | Plant City Bike Fest; http://www.plantcitybikefest.com/ |
| 11-13 | GWRRA Mississippi Rally |
| 13 | FL2-N Halloween Party |
| 13-14 | Cotee River Bike Fest (New Port Richey); www.coteeriverbikefest.com/ |
| 18-21 | Biketoberfest (Daytona) |
| 26-27 | GWRRA Getaway Panama City |

Note: Be sure and check the online schedule for the latest information as Bill may make changes to events and that will be the most current source.



For those of us that are pilots, this is a real eye catcher! Maybe this is something Harley might consider to get a little more oomph in an air cooled engine.

Special thanks to our members who submit articles. We love the support and the good information.

Send them to Richard Mitts rm32904@yahoo.com

Word document preferred. Pictures should be saved in jpg format.



Central Florida Loop

Four bikes and six riders participated in the Chapter ride on 9/22/07. Participants included Mo and Deb Dalton, Mike and Pat Duquette, Carl Vetzal, and yours truly, Bill Harris. Harry and Lynn Anderson were at the County Line to see us off, but could not make the trip due to health reasons.

The ride was a 250m mile clockwise loop around Central Florida as shown below. It started with the customary west on 192 until we could exit on Hickory Tree. This took us along the south side of Lk Alligator and then using Deer Run and Canoe Creek roads we took the Neptune road bypass into Kissimmee. Circling Lk Tohopekaliga in downtown Kissimmee, we headed west **under** US-17-92 along Old Tampa Highway. We continued west on the Osceola Polk Line road and through Champions Gate to SR-54. Continuing west across US-27, we encountered the curves of Dean Still Rd and eventually came to SR-33. Heading north on SR-33, we branched off northeast on CR-561 toward Clermont. This scenic route took us by Lk Kirkland, Lk Glona, the expensive homes on Lk Minnehaha, Lk Palatlakaha and Lk Minneola.

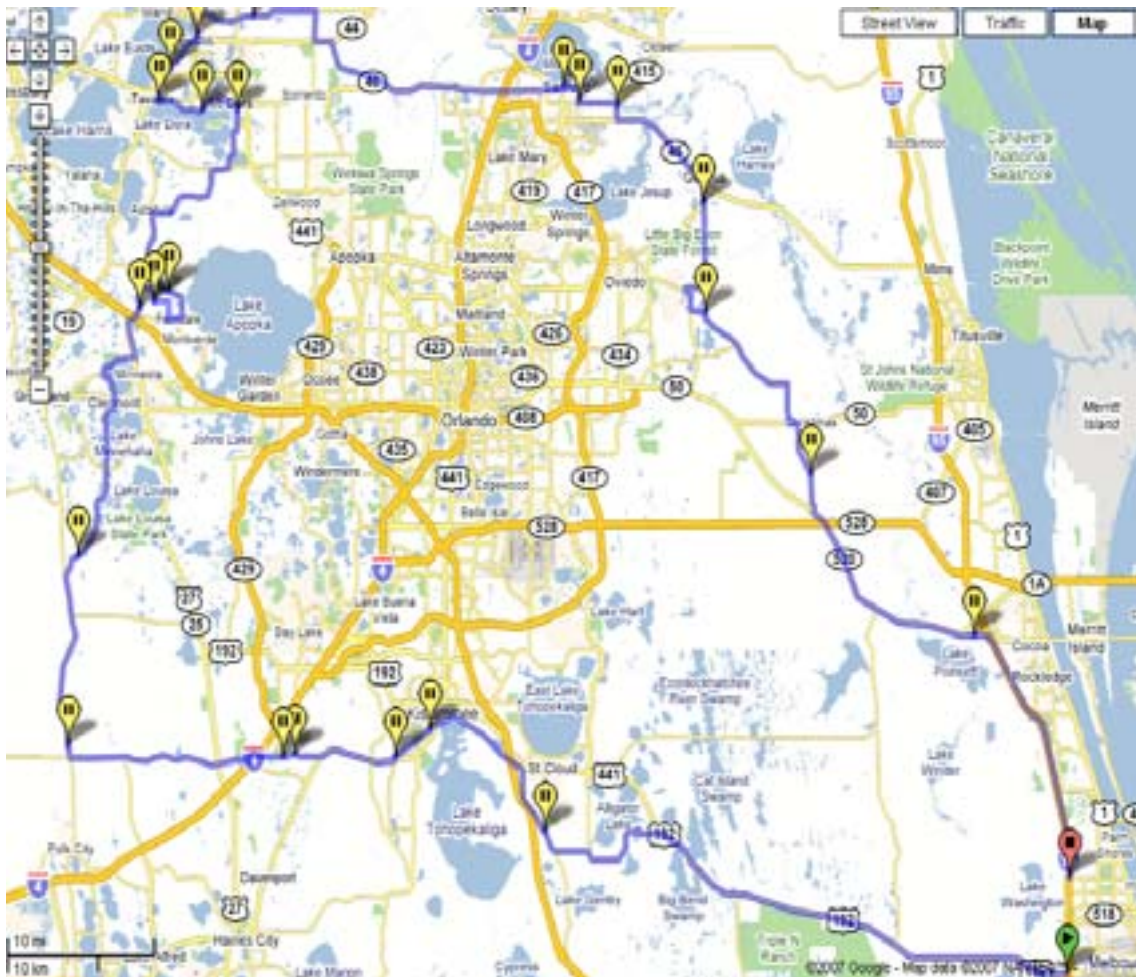


Figure 1 Central Florida Ride

After Lk Minneola, CR-562 briefly joins US-27 until it branches off to the northeast under the turnpike. A short ride to the north takes us to Sugarloaf Mountain Rd. About a mile east on this road brought us to the top of Sugarloaf Mountain. This area provides a spectacular view of Lk Apopka and the skyline of Orlando. That day we shared the mountain with numerous bicyclist, a local sheriff and 2 hikers in training for the Appalachian Trail.



On Top Of Ole Sugarloaf Mt



Ahh! Fresh Mountain Air & A Good Cigarette.

Exiting the mountain, we rode past Lk Apopka and then took a back route into Mt Dora passing the Mt Dora lighthouse on the way. Mt Dora was our break point for lunch. A local restaurant was selected and everyone had an enjoyable meal before the local lunch rush began. Leaving Mt Dora, we rode along the Lk Shore Dr that runs along the north side of Lk Dora.



The original plans for this ride included

a route along Lk Eustis; however, a few days prior to the ride, the downtown area of Eustis was hit by a tornado, so we rerouted to avoid this area. The detour took us east on US-441 and then north on CR-44B. We continued further north to CR-44A where we headed east one block until we turned back south on Thrill Hill Rd. As the name suggests, this road provides a roller coaster drop that is best experienced at 55 MPH or greater.

Leaving the thrill behind, we connected up with SR-46 and headed east to the I-4 interchange adjacent to the Seminole Towne Center. Here we all filled up our Goldwings and emptied our storage tanks. Leaving the refueling stop, we continued east into Sanford, detoured north and then continued east along Lk Monroe before heading back to SR-46.



How To Properly Park 3 Goldwings in One Handicap Space



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Drained & Refueled, Ready For The Road



Mo & Deb Asking For Directions
To The Ice Machine

Traveling east on SR-46, we took the Oviedo Rd / Snow Hill Rd shortcut to Chuluota and then the Ft Christmas Rd shortcut to SR-50. Crossing SR-50, we continued on the Taylor Creek cutoff to SR-520 and eventually turned south on I-95. From I-95, we completed the ride as each participant picked their own exit.

Even though the weatherman was predicting a bad day, the weather turned out to be perfect. We saw a few sprinkles and a few love bugs but not too many of either. Everyone seemed to have a good time. Sugarloaf Mt was a surprise to most. It was a new experience to all except Mike and me. Mike remembered being their years before on a poker run.

Bill Harris
Ride Coordinator

MEMBER ITEMS FOR SALE

Recently had my **95 Goldwing SE triked**. All the removed parts are available except the rear tire and wheel. Both saddle bags, lower light bar, heel/toe shifter floor boards, trailer hitch and various other parts that had to be replaced due to triking. All these parts had only 41k miles on them so they should be in very good condition. Anyone interested can contact me at, 321-536-7907
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NOTE: Any pictures that are submitted must be in jpg format so they can be entered in "Publisher" for the newsletter. Thanks.

Something special for the Tush!

Jim MiLucky has a "like new" **Black Diamond Seat** for a 1800 GW. It comes with a Rain Cover and Back Rest.. \$650 or Best Offer. Call Jim at 321-722-0882

That's all folks!



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