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Chapter Directors Highlights

WELL HELLO FRIENDS, THIS HAS BEEN A BUSY MONTH FOR ME. I'M SORRY I DIDN'T GET TO GO ON THE RIDE TO THE CHEESECAKE FACTORY. THOSE THAT WENT SAID THEY HAD A GREAT TIME.

I DID MAKE THE KICK-TIRE AT YOUNG'S CHINESE BUFFET. THERE WAS A GREAT TURN OUT.

THERE WERE EIGHT OF US THAT WENT TO RUSTY'S AT THE PORT FOR LUNCH AND MET FL2-O THE STUART CHAPTER. THEY SHOWED UP WITH TEN.

BILL HARRIS HAS SOME INTERESTING RIDES SCHEDULED FOR THIS MONTH AND THE WEATHER SHOULD BE COOLING DOWN, SO COME ON OUT AND JOIN US.

LYNN IS OUT OF THE HOSPITAL AND RECOVERING FINE FROM HER SURGERY. WE WANT TO THANK ALL OF YOU FOR YOUR CALLS, CARDS AND FLOWERS.

AS I MENTIONED AT THE LAST MEETING THERE ARE SOME CHANGES COMING IN GWRRA. BOB SHRADER, THE CURRENT FLORIDA DISTRICT DIRECTOR, HAS BEEN APPOINTED REGION A DIRECTOR. ED CARR, FORMER ASSISTANT DISTRICT DIRECTOR, HAS MOVED UP TO DISTRICT DIRECTOR. I WISH THEM BOTH THE BEST. I WILL MISS BOB HE WAS A GREAT LEADER.

HARRY ANDERSON.



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September Events

Here are some of the events scheduled for September. Remember the latest information is available at the online calendar at <http://www.gwrra-fl2d.org/calendar/>. Click on the calendar event to get expanded information.

September Events:

9/4/07	Business Meeting- Barnhills
9/18/07	Kick Tire – Charley & Jakes (Wickham)
9/22/07	Chapter Ride – Eustis & Mt Dora

Jake and Joann Jacobs who were 2006 Florida and Region A couple of the year have just been selected as GWRRA International Couple of the Year at Wing Ding

2007 FLORIDA GWRRA EVENTS

Aug. 31-Sep. 2 GWRRA 30th
Anniversary Party, Nashville

Sept. 8 FL1-A Picnic/Auction,
Tampa

Sept. 13-15 Region "A" Rally, Perry

Oct. 11-13 Mississippi District
Rally, Biloxi

Oct. 13 FL2-N Rally/Fund Raiser,
Cocoa

Oct. 26-27 Annual Bandit Getaway,
Panama City

Nov. 3 FLI-X Four Chapter Spaghetti
Social, Orange Park

Nov. 10 FLI-L2 Rally/Poker Run,
Brooksville

Nov. 17 Florida District Rider Ed
Fair, St. Petersburg

2008 EVENTS

Jan. 19 FL2-L Pirate Fest, Lakeland

Jan. 27 FL2-N Five Chapter Break
fast, Cocoa

Apr. 19 FL2-G 25th Anniversary,
Fort Myers

May 23-24 FL1-Y Rally/Poker Run,
Gainesville

And Now a Word From Captain Safety...

Lessons to be Learned from a Rider Down

Recently one of the engineers at work, went down on his bike on his way to work. Jeff Victor lives in Palm Bay and travels approximately 30 miles to Rockledge like I do. The accident did not happen on the 20 miles stretch of I95, nor did it happen at one of the dangerous/busy intersections along his route. He went down approximately one mile from work on straightest, highest visibility, least traveled, in what I would consider the safest part of his commute. Jeff graciously allowed me to interview him for this article so that all of us could benefit from his experience.

Jeff is a professionally trained, experienced and accomplished rider. I have observed his riding skills to and from work on many occasions and can attest to his acute riding skills. He always rides in full riding attire, and has never been observed performing risky riding maneuvers. On this day, as always, he was riding with a full face helmet, padded leather riding gloves, mesh type riding jacket with appropriate padding, long jean pants, and steel toe shoes (a requirement of our employer for work). The shoes were not over the ankle type.

Having just turned right onto Gus Hipp Blvd, a four lane with center turn lane, Jeff was increasing speed up to the 40mph limit in the left lane. He was in the left lane consciously to maintain plenty of space cushion to his right. The roadway was lightly damp from a small and brief shower, one that you would not have to have turned on your windshield wipers, and therefore he was not accelerating aggressively. There were no more than 5 cars on the 1 ½ miles section of road. He had two cars in his direction of travel ahead of him, and there was a small pickup truck in the turning lane coming towards him getting ready to make a left turn.

Of course, the pickup truck did not see him, and started turning left in front of him. After starting to turn left, the truck did see Jeff and immediately steered back to the right towards the center turn lane, but too late. Jeff had to perform a swerve maneuver to the right to avoid hitting the front of the truck which was now in his lane, directly facing him trying to get out of Jeff's way. On the "push left" portion of the swerve maneuver, the bike went down on the left side. It is estimated that Jeff was going approximately 30 mph. The bike slid 20 feet before stopping. He was air lifted to Holmes Regional.

Jeff's injuries were a cut to his forehead, a cut to his chin, a head concussion, broken/fractured left shoulder blade, and minor road rash to his left hand, and his left foot. The bike was lightly damaged. Jeff was out of work for one week, and has been on partial days for the past week due to headaches from the concussion.

Lesson Learned: What was done correctly

1. Proper riding skills and training.
2. Almost complete riding attire.
3. Mesh riding jacket. Did its job. No road rash to the torso.
4. Gloves. Minor road rash to left hand where roadway rubbed through the thin portion of the outside edge of the glove.
5. Jean long pants. No damage to the legs or hips. (Jeans are the minimum proper riding attire)
6. Planning/recognizing space cushion. Did not ride next to car in right lane so that he had room to maneuver if needed. Was in left lane to have plenty of room to move to right if necessary.
7. Recognized road surface conditions.

Lessons Learned: What could have been different.

1. Helmet fit. Jeff suffered a minor cut to the head when the shield was forced inward. The cut to his chin he believes was from the "loose" fit of the helmet. He has multiple helmets and this one did not fit as securely as it should have. The helmet did not come off, but Jeff feels that the loose fit caused the cut to the chin. The helmet more than likely saved his life. When he went down on the left side, he believes that his head hit the front corner of the truck bumper as evidenced by matching marks on the helmet and truck.
2. Shoes. Even though they were steel toe shoes, the shoes were not over the ankle and were loose fitting. The left shoe came off and minor road rash was received to the top of the foot and toe.
3. Space cushion. Even though Jeff planned for space cushion, he did not move to the right hand lane upon seeing the truck in the turn lane. He should have anticipated that the truck would not see him

and move to the right in anticipation. His movement to the right could have made him visible. (Movement, side to side creates visibility.)

4. T-Clock, T-Clock, T-Clock **and take action, take action, take action.** Besides the damp road condition being a major contributor, Jeff acknowledges that his front tire was in a near bald condition, and that he knew it needed to be replaced. He does not remember all of the details of the incident, but remembers in slow motion detail the front tire sliding out to the right at the end of the swerve maneuver. Though a tire in perfect condition may not have held because of road conditions, his chances were greatly reduced because of the tire. (Remember that in emergency swerve maneuvers, the front tire can and will leave the road as it moves front one side to the other. You want to have as much grip as possible when the tire grips on the last part of the swerve.)

I would like to thank Jeff for allowing me to do the interview to present the facts of real life events to our chapter members so that we can remain/maintain “Friends for Fun, Safety, and **Knowledge**”.

“Mo” Dalton

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Does anything look wrong here?

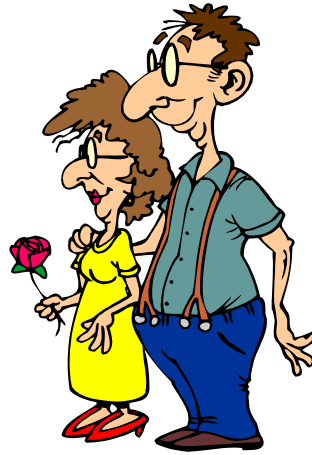
Birthday's

Anniversaries



9/4 Pat Duquette
9/9 Paul Moore
9/11 Ray Mercier

9/14 Vicky & Gary Maine
9/29 Don & Barb Totsi



I am free of all prejudices. I hate every one equally. – W.C. Fields

A fanatic is someone who can't change his mind and won't change the subject. – Winston Churchill

Ninety percent of the game of baseball is half mental. – Yogi Berra

Why be disagreeable, when with a little effort you can be impossible? – Douglas Woodruff

If your doctor warns that you have to watch your drinking, find a bar with a mirror. – John Mooney

The thing that impresses me most about America is the way parents obey their children. – The Duke of Windsor

Memory is what makes you wonder what you've forgotten to do.

You can make a fortune if you know the exact moment when a piece of junk becomes an antique.

Blooming idiots have no off season.

If at first you don't succeed, so much for skydiving.



Cheese Cake Factory Ride

Saturday night, August 11th, 4 club bikes with 6 riders left the County Line Saloon and ventured west into the setting sun toward our big neighbor called Orlando. Our turn-around destination was the Cheese Cake Factory at Winter Park Mall. Present were Jim and Leanne, Charley and Kim, and Bill and Sharyn.

Our trip took us out 192 to almost St Cloud, where we turned north and followed Narcoossee Rd to Goldenrod. We then went left on Curry Ford, north on Semoran and west on Aloma to Orlando Ave. The Winter Park Mall is about a half mile up on the right. This mall is full of upper scale stores and restaurants. Parking is a premium, and we ended up parking a short distance away where we packed 4 Goldwings into one regular size parking spot.

After checking in at the Cheese Cake Factory and getting a “table ready” receiver, we began studying the cheese cake display in the lobby. The girls soon realized they were wasting a valuable shopping opportunity, so they took off with directions for the men to call them when our table was ready. Meanwhile the men found 3 chairs at the bar and proceeded to check out the scenery. After about a 45 minute wait, we got our table and proceeded to study the large menu assortment. With orders placed, conversations continued until the food arrived. Everyone seemed please with their selections.

Next came the cheese cakes..... Everyone ordered something different and since no one could finish theirs, we began to sample each others.

After dinner, we found our bikes and cranked up for the return trip to Melbourne. The return path was east on Aloma, past Semoran to a right on Hall Rd. Hall dumped us into University which carried us west to Alafaya at UCF. South on Alafaya and then East on SR-50 to SR-520 and on to I-95 south. The temperature during the trip home was in the high 70's. After 160 miles, we arrived back where we started a little before midnight.

Everyone said they had a good time and would do a similar trip in the future. Although this style trip can be somewhat tiring near the end, it does open up the possibilities of new destinations and options that are only available at night. Another primary benefit for this time of year is that cooler temperatures prevailed during most of the journey.

Pictured L->R are Sharyn, Leanne, Jim, Kim, Charley, & Bill



“Are you sure there are no calories in this?”



Charley admiring his peanut butter topping

River Ranch Ride (8/18/07)

During August, the Chapter held a night ride to River Ranch to try and beat the heat. An overwhelming collection of two bikes showed up at the County Line Saloon at 5 PM. One bike declined to make the rides since others were not going. Bill & Sharyn continued on and had a wonderful time.

Our ride took us West on US-192 to Holopaw and then South on US-441 to Yee Haw Junction. East on SR-60 to the Kissimmee River brought us to the entrance of River Ranch. The attached figure shows the caravan entering River Ranch and lists some of River Ranches amenities. For those who have not been to River Ranch, these include the following:

- Rodeo & Saloon
- Marina
- Airport
- Golf Course
- Gun Range
- Trail ride
- Motel



The old time Saloon is located adjacent to the rodeo entrance. They have an excellent C&W band that starts immediately after the rodeo. A DJ with more rock oriented songs was set up in the parking lot outside the saloon.



The rodeo is held every Saturday night starting at 7:30. A large crowd was present for the event. The event was very patriotic starting with recognition of veterans and continuing with a prayer and the pledge.

The first event was the Grand Entrance, followed by bull riding, team roping, trick riding, Roman style riding, kid's race, ladies barrel race, final bull riding session, and the Grand Finale. Additional pictures are included below. The ride home was through Fellsmere and up Babcock. Round trip was about 160 miles.





Young's Buffet (8/21/07)

The Kick Tire for mid-August was held at Young's Buffet at Babcock and Palm Bay Road. Some members had been asking for Chinese food and based on the turn out of about 22 people, everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. The facilities at Young's provide us with our own large room for eating the large assortment of Chinese foods and for socializing.

A surprise guest for the event was Lynn Anderson who had just had surgery the day before. Everyone seem glad to see her up and moving around. Additional pictures are included below:





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

Feel free to submit your articles.

Send them to Richard Mitts rm32904@yahoo.com

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



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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