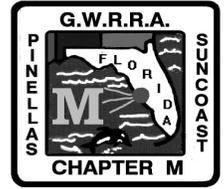




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KICK TIRES
1st, 3rd, & 5th
Eat at 6:00
Meet at 7:30
Check calendar
for locations

GENERAL MEETINGS
2nd Thursday @ Stacey's
Buffet
1451 Missouri Avenue North
Largo – Dinner @ 6:00 PM
Meeting @ 7:30 PM

All RIDES LEAVE FROM
McDonalds at the corner of
Nursery Road and US 19 North

Check Events Calendar
on following pages

4th Thursday
Mama Flo's
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(West of US19,
South side)

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REVERSE OVERVIEWING 101



A lot has happened since last month so I will do a reverse overview because yesterday is much easier for me to remember than two or three weeks ago!!! Here Goes...

We just wrapped up the final Rally for the 2006 season last night and it was another great one at Mingle & Jingle. Chapter FL1-S really knows how to put on an event and make it work!! Chapter FL1-M was there in force, with over 40 members, earning us another "Largest Chapter" award. Thank You to all of you that attended again this year and especially those of you that did the "Lighted Bike Parade". We managed to pull off another great parade, with almost 30 bikes in our group, and didn't have any problems. We all owe a special "Thanks" to Ed Ford for being such a great leader. His pre - planning and time schedule puts us right where we need to be at the time we are supposed to be there. Can't wait for next year!! This year was especially memorable because as we were leaving the last community, to go to the Hospital, the space shuttle was lifting off and we had a perfect view of it as it traveled into space. The beautiful orange glow was a sight to see and we even got to see the separation as it happened high above us. Perfect timing Ed!!!

This past Friday night we participated in the Clearwater Holiday Parade. The temperature was a little cool and standing in the street for over an hour, because we were number 96, didn't help warm anything up but we had over 20 bikes that rode and everyone enjoyed seeing the M&M's. Only a couple of parades left and this season will be gone.

Last weekend was a lot of fun. On Saturday, we rode in the City of Largo's "Holidays Around The World" parade where we were number 4. I think that last year's performance in their parade helped get us near the front this year along with Gene & Barb!! Maybe it has something to do with the girls walking along in M&M costumes handing out candy and beads that gets the crowd excited for the rest of the parade. Thank You Joyce, Kathy and Kyla!! And then on Sunday, we had our Chapter Christmas party. This is always a special day. Everyone comes together and we can just enjoy each other's company, a lot of great food, and then exchange gifts, with a little Chinese twist thrown in. And we cannot forget the "Special" gifts that always seem to appear. Just when you think, or hope, that everyone has forgotten about that screw up you did earlier in the year, along comes Lucy or Debbie or Sharon or Kathy - or worse yet, all of them together, to remind you, and anyone that didn't previously know about it, what exactly you did!!! And then they give you a "Gift" that will always remind you about it!! Speaking of gifts...we announced the 2007 "Couple Of The Year", during the Christmas party, and the choice was perfect. Gene & Barb Henry have gone over and above this past year in their Public Relations position getting the Chapter recognized by local governments as well as being publicized in many local newspapers and biker magazines. They are a big reason why we are known wherever we go and I am especially grateful to them both for their hard work. I know that they will enjoy their time as Couple Of The Year and all that goes along with it. It is an honor when you are selected by your fellow members and it is something you will always remember. We had to say goodbye to Maurice and Patti Mních, at the Christmas party as they have sold their home here and are moving out West with their family. We wish them the best and will keep in touch through the internet.

Our Kick Tire, on the 7th, was pretty special too. We held it at Biff Burger, where many of us like to go for Bike Night. Lucy & I had gone there the week before, to let Troy know that we were coming on the 7th, and I seen the posters and heard Troy announcing about their upcoming "Toys for Tots" fund drive and I thought it would be another great way for Chapter M to help out with a worthwhile cause. With the help of an e-mail and a couple of announcements, the Chapter showed up with Toys, Toys, and more Toys!!! So many that we had to use Bill & Margie's truck to hold them until Troy showed up!! He was surprised, to say the least, at what we had done and bagged the toys to hold for their presentation on the 10th. We took a couple of donations and graciously turned over the Chapter's portion of the 50/50 to Troy as well. Things like this are what makes this Chapter so special.

I understand everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. Many members spent time with their families and some just quality spent time alone together but I am sure we all had some reason to be Thankful. As a Chapter, we have had many reasons to be thankful as this has been a very good year. Some members have had health issues but they have overcome them, others have had incident issues but once again, they have overcome them. One thing you can always count on...no matter what comes up or gets you down, there is always someone from Chapter M to lend a hand or an ear to brighten the day or lessen the pain. What more can you ask for or give "Thanks" for!!

There were a couple of Rally's, or Poker Runs, in November that we attended. Chapter FL1-A had their annual rally in Tampa, which we all enjoyed as well as Chapter FL1-L2 Wesley Chapel's rally in Brooksville. Showing our support for other Chapters is the best way to get them to show their support for us this coming February at our rally.

AND NOW A Look Ahead...

The rest of this month is going to be relatively quiet as we only have a couple of events on the calendar. The Safety Harbor Holiday Parade is this coming Saturday morning followed by our annual "Lit Bike Ride" later that evening and then a Dessert ride on the 17th followed by our last kick tire of the year on the 21st. That will cap off another great year and get us ready for 2007.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!!

Rich & Lucy Schaad
Chapter Directors

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FROM ME TO YOU

I would like to take a moment and "Thank" each and every member of Chapter M for making this such a great year. Through the good times and the bad we have remained a "Family". We have adopted new members and we have seen others move along on their way. You are all a huge part of my life, as well as Lucy's, and you are the reason I enjoy this position so much. Let's make 2007 an even better and more memorable one!!

RICH

Till Next Month... Rich & Lucy Schaad Chapter Director

PR News!!!

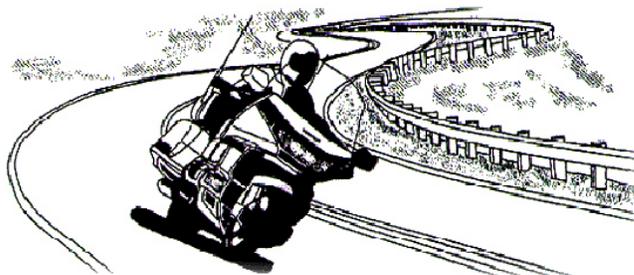


Thanks to our entire great chapter members who showed up Saturday with their bikes decorated. The bikes all looked so good. A special "thanks" for our 3 special M & M walkers: Joyce Hartley, Kathy Jackson, Kyla Costell You did a wonderful job! Now the Clearwater Holiday lighted parade is coming up Friday night, we just got in on that one. We are unit 96. Then Saturday is Mingle-Jingle at Zephyrhills, and finally Safety Harbor parade on Sat Dec. 16th. What fun making all those children smile and all of us big kids having fun too!!!

The Christmas dinner was yummy, the cooks came out with their best dishes and we all stuffed ourselves. Kudos to: Cathy Sweeney, & Betty Probus for cooking the meat. The exchange of gifts got interesting with the little Christmas tree, getting the most attention. There were some special gifts designed for some in the chapter to remind us of special occasions we experienced this last year traveling around the country together. Last, but certainly not least in any way, was when Rich announced that Gene & I had been chosen by our wonderful chapter friends to be "Couple of the Year 2007", we were totally blown away, and we both were speechless. We are very honored and proud to represent you for the upcoming year. We will do our best to make you proud. It couldn't have come at a better time; it is a very special moment in our lives. Thanks to all of you who voted for us.

To one and all: MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR

Barb/Gene Henry, Public Relations Coordinators





Wanderings of an Educator



Details

Last month I had a bad case of CRS. I remembered several items that I needed to discuss, then couldn't remember what I wanted to do for our safety talk. Luckily Kathy came through and was able to do something, even if it was only because of an error on my part. She doesn't mind getting up in front of the group, at least as long as she can relate something goofy that I have done.

We have discussed the T-Clock in the past and of course one of the items is "L" for lights. Included in this classification is to check your battery, including your terminals to be sure that they are tight. Obviously I did not do this before our trip to the Panhandle Getaway and on the way back the bike was acting up. The first indication that something was wrong is when we started on Sunday morning the clock was not set correctly. I reset this and we were on our way without any issues.

The problem was found when we stopped for gasoline and when we went to pull out the bike shut off. First check showed the key to be turned on and the kill switch was in the operate position. We got off of the bike and Kathy ran up to tell Bill & Margie what had happened (remember I had no CB so couldn't call them). By the time they got back I had removed the side cover and noticed that the ground cable was loose.

The fix was very easy, just removed the tool kit from the saddlebag and tightened the fastener. I turned the key and the ignition came to life. All that was then needed was to put the tools away and covers back on and we could then move on. We were lucky that this happened in the parking lot of the service, not on the interstate. Another blessing was that it hadn't started raining yet!

What we are pointing out here is that it is easy to skip one item on the T-Clock and assume that it is okay. I had just installed the battery and there is no way that the cables would be loose. It was easy to say that I knew that everything was okay with this system.

The same thing can be said about any portion of the pre-ride checklist. It has happened in our chapter where someone has had a new tire installed and during their pre-ride check they have discovered a nail in the tire. We should not assume that just because an item was just installed that everything is okay. Not always are things as we think they should be.

Buzz also mentioned something last month that we need to be sure and check the plastic piece that is attached to the tire rim and the valve stems. These items don't look like much, but they are very important to keep the valve from breaking from the rim. The forces involved with the spinning tire results in significant stress being applied to valve stem due to the 90° angle stem used on our wheels. Honda used these stems to make it easier for us to check and air to our tires and the plastic was added to prevent valve stem failure. These can fall off or break during normal usage, but one of the major problems is with them being left off during tire changes. Be sure and check your tires to be sure these are present before you go for your ride.

Remember that we do need to check all of the details as our lives depend on the bike being 100%.

Ron & Kathy Jackson - Senior Chapter Educators

COY CORNER

It's just been announced



Barb and Gene Henry

Are our 2007 Chapter M Couple of the Year

Congratulations Barb and Gene

Thank you for awarding us the "Couple of the Year for 2007. It was a total surprise at the Christmas party to hear our name announced.

We will try to represent you to the best of our ability.

Again thanks so much! It really means a lot to us.

Barb/Gene Henry

RIDES

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November turned out to be a GREAT riding month. Starting on Saturday the 4th with The Orange Park spaghetti social, we traveled through The Ocala National Forest both going and returning, spotting lots of deer on the ride home.

The Ride for Kids was highly successful on the 5th. On the 11th, we had lots of bikes for the triathlon, Clearwater's first Ironman race and we still managed to attend The Wesley Chapel Poker Run (31 total Chapter M).

We managed to have a good turn out for FL1-A Poker Run in Tampa on the 18th - 18 Members.

On the 19th a nice ride to Wesley Chapel for breakfast (9 bikes)

Lots of participation.....Thanks.....

December will be a good riding month as wellParades and light ridesDon't miss out....

WATCH YOUR CALENDERS

BUZZ AND BETTY PROBUS
RIDE COORDINATOR

December

Birthdays

Ray Sorensen 1, Richard Stephens 1, Sharon Dunn 13, Patricia Mnich 20, Wavy Begin 25, Ann Zulas 26,
Ron Jackson 28, Joyce Lewis 31

Anniversaries

Harold & Ginger Hart 13, Carole & John Titus 27, Richard & Cindy Riel 30

January

Birthdays

Lucy Schaad 6, John Henderson 8, Marcia Wimmer 9, Cathy Sweeney 10, Austine Barbour 15, Tracy
Dunn 15, Alan Houston 16, Jim Jackson 18, Paul Begin 20, Rich Schaad 27

Anniversaries

John & Laurel Henderson 2, Bill & Brenda Baldwin 12

February

Birthdays

Jim Warner 2, James Barnhart 5, Jim Kersey 7, Mike Lewis 15, Jean Garrison 17, Fred Hartley 19,
John Titus 23, Carole Titus 23, Joe Hudd 26, Barbara Henry 27

Anniversaries

Garry & Carol Coles 2



2006 Florida GWRRA Events

Events for other chapters

December

9th

FL1-S Mingle Jingle, Zephyrhills

DECEMBER

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Sat 2 Largo Parade RM Golden Coral parking lot 9:00am
 Ulmerton & Largo Mall
 Sun 3 Chapter Christmas Party 1:00pm Mason's Hall St Petersburg
 Thur 7 Biff Burger 49th St & 38th Ave N in St Petersburg 7:30
 Sat 9 Mingle & Jingle Zephyr Hills RM 8:45am
 Sun 10 Honey Do
 Thur 14 General Meet Stacy's Buffet 7:30 1451 Missouri Ave N
 Sat 16 Dinner at Ho Wah 66st & Park Royal 5:30pm Lit Bike Ride
 Leaves Shell Fuel Sta across street from Ho Wah at 7:00pm
 Sun 17 Dessert Ride 6:45 RM
 Thurs 21 Kick Tire at Mama Flo's 7:30pm 2535 East Bay Dr
 Sat 23 Honey Do
 Sun 24 Honey Do
 Mon 25 **MERRY CHRISTMAS**
 Thur 28 **NO KICK TIRE**
 Sat 30 Honey Do
 Sun 31 New Years Eve Party

JANUARY

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MON 1 HAPPY NEW YEAR

Thur 4 Kick Tire, Queen's Pizza / 1834 N Belcher Meet at 7:30
 Sat 6 Solomon's Castle RM 9:00am
 Sun 7 Chapter Auction Location TBA
 Thur 11 General Meeting Stacy's Buffet 7:30
 Sat 13 Honey Do CD conference
 Sun 14 Honey Do
 Thur 18 Kick Tire Crisper's Main & Bayshore, Safety Harbor 7:30
 Sat 20 FL2-L Lakeland Rally RM 8:00am
 Sun 21 Evening Ride RM 6:45pm
 Thur 25 Kick Tire Mama Flo's 2535 East Bay Dr 7:30
 Sat 27 Over Night Ride to Flagler Bch RM TBA
 Sun 28 FL1-H Breakfast Flagler Bch
 Mon 29 Council Meeting Crisper's 7:00pm

FEBRUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Thursday 1 Kick Tire, Clink Street /66th Street & Brian Dairy
Saturday 3 CHAPTER M'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Sunday 4th Honey Do
 Thursday 8th General Meeting Stacy's Buffet 7:30
 Saturday 10th Fun Ride Gulf Hammock/ Sebring RM 9:30AM
 Sunday 11th Apollo Beach Ride RM 11 AM
 Thursday 15th Kick tire Biff Burger 49th St & 38th Ave. 7:30
 Saturday 17th Nite Ride Meet at Lucky Dill RM 6:30PM
 Located at 2800 Alt US 19 Palm Harbor
 Sunday 18th Honey Do
 Thursday 22nd Kick Tire Mama Flo's 2535 East Bay Dr. 7:30
 Fri-Sat 23rd-24th Mini Rally Lake Talquin Tallahassee
 Particulars TBA
 Sunday 25th Honey Do

Concerning New Items For Sale!!!

To put ads in this newsletter, you must be a member of Chapter M or GWRRA. Space permitting – New ads will be allowed to have a short paragraph of about 2-5 lines describing the item for sale, plus up to 3 colored pictures. The editor may adjust wording, and size of pictures will be adjusted to fit space available. If you want to continue running the item for sale, you must let the editor know and it will be edited to 1 or 2 lines and no pictures.

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ALSO

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takes it!

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Beau Breed Leather riding suit for sale. Jacket and pants are dark brown leather and both are lined. The jacket is size 38 to 40 and has a zip out fur liner as well, the pants are size 34 waist, nice looking suit. Will sell for \$80.00

Please contact Ed Smoak (727) 460-3176 or (727) 545-4867

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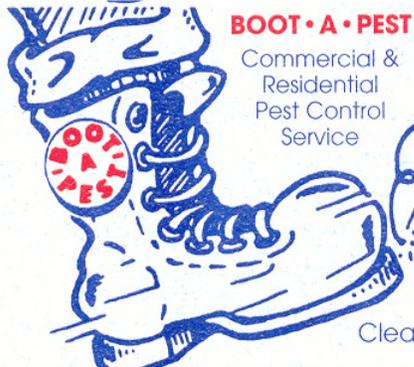
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