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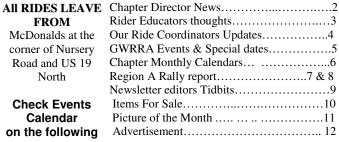
3rd Thursday @ Stacey's Buffet 1451 Missouri Avenue North Largo - Dinner @ 6:00 PM Meeting @ 7:30 PM

KICK TIRES 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>rd</sup>, & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of each Month Eat at 6:00 Meet at 7:30

#### FROM McDonalds at the corner of Nursery

Road and US 19 North

#### **Check Events** Calendar on the following pages



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## A Thought from our Chapter Directors

I want to start by wishing all of the Chapter members that are under the weather, or recovering from surgeries, a speedy recovery as the riding season is quickly approaching. We have many fun activities planned for the next few months and hope you can join us. My new position at work is really taking up a lot of my time and I may not be able to attend as much as I have in the past, but you all know that I wish I could attend them all.

Keep your ideas and suggestions coming in. Don & Tina are doing a great job of collecting them and presenting them at the council meetings. Even events that are months away are welcome so we may plan around it if enough members are interested in attending it. Sometimes we hear about an event after it has passed but we can always plan for it the next year.

Until Next Month,

Rich & Lucy Schaad Chapter Directors FL1-M





#### Rider's Fair & Ride for Kids

This month we will talk about two major items. Number one is about the Rider's Fair. The date for the Rider's Fair was moved from November the 8<sup>th</sup> to the 1<sup>st</sup> and again will be held in Saint Petersburg. Forms were handed out at the meeting and I have additional copies if anyone needs one. They are also available on the Florida Rider Education webpage (http://www.floridaridered.com/). You can also follow the link on the Chapter's webpage. This year we are offering ERC, TRC, First Aid & CPR (both full and renewal courses available), Co-Rider, and Road Captain's courses. Checks and registration forms must be sent to Don Danbury by October 25<sup>th</sup> to secure a place (no checks or registration needed for either the Road Captain's course or the Co-Rider course). We don't have a CPR or First Aid instructor available at present and this is a great opportunity to obtain these certifications. We are working on finding someone who will do the classes for us.

The second item is about the Ride for Kids being held on Sunday November 2<sup>nd</sup> in Sarasota. This is a great charity and we hope to have as many chapter members attend as possible. The chapter is again going to pay \$35.00 for every motorcycle that attends. Of course you can add as much as you want to this. It takes an additional \$15.00 to be given ONE rider T-shirt. We do not sell the shirts and the only way to obtain one is to raise the appropriate amount of money. Honda is donating a motorcycle to be given away again. For a chance for this you must have at least \$300.00 in donations.

Several members intend going down on Friday night and making a weekend of it. Some are even going to help with the premium distribution. This is the position that Kathy & I have held since the ride started here in FL. It is very difficult to say that you won't help anymore when you have seen some of the STARS for the day. The stars are children and young adults that are brain tumor survivors and some of their stories will grab at your heart strings.

A third item that I wanted to cover is about paying attention to your bike. There was an article in the Wing World about a person who was traveling with his 13 year old son and had felt a vibration during the day. They finished their ride for the night and one of the other riders suggested doing a thorough T-Clock to see if everything was in order. He didn't do this on the night they stopped and awoke early the next morning and was ready first. He called one of the other riders to find out when they would be ready and was told about 1 hour. Again it was suggested that he do a thorough check of the bike. This prompted him to start checking and he found that a large chunk of the tread had separated from the casing. Without the prompting he might have ridden again that day and the consequences could be catastrophic. LeRoy and Annie both had similar issues within the last year and both of them did the proper thing and immediately stopped and checked the bike. LeRoy had a large portion of the tread removed, similar to the above, whereas Annie had a significant amount of dry rot and the tire was not holding air.

The little things like this can mean the difference in a safe ride or one not so safe.

Ron & Kathy Jackson Senior Chapter Educators

### A Note from our Ride Coordinators

#### Hi Gang,

We had some great plans for August; unfortunately Mother Nature didn't always want to cooperate. Our picnic at John Davies & ride to Lakeridge Winery were both rained out. We opted to four wheel it to Lakeridge with Bill & Margie, which turned out to be the right decision. On our way home we hit some pretty nasty rain. Lakeridge is back on the schedule for Oct 4<sup>th</sup>. The winery will be having 50's & 60's music, vintage car show and of course tours of the winery. When we leave Clermont we will be heading to Orlando to visit chapter FL1-H2 at their general meeting. It will be a long day but we're sure a fun day.

We managed to get in one good ride recently. After having breakfast at Barnhills, Paul led us on a back roads ride. We didn't have a destination in mind or an agenda. It was just a leisurely ride through the country. Paul found roads that I don't remember being on before. It was a terribly hot day so the ride was kind of short, which was fine. We don't need anyone to get dehydrated. I really enjoyed the ride, thanks Paul.

Keep your eyes on the calendar. It is jam packed with rides, rallies and of course kick tires. Many of you have given us books, magazines, websites and restaurant ideas. We really appreciate your input. This is your chapter. The more you put into it the more you will get out of it.

Don & Tina Allen Ride Coordinators

## **Special Days**

#### ----- October -----

#### **Birthdays**

Donna Wurtz 2, Dawn Dillon 5, LeRoy Dibble 6, Slinger Sanderson 9, Maxine Jackson 12, Bill Zulas 12, Nancy Costell 17, Laurel Henderson 26

#### Anniversaries

Danny & Linda Stevens 4, Margie & Bill Miller 13, Karen & Glen Lintermuth 20, Lori & Arthur Hirsch 28, Anne & Bill Zulas 30

-----November-----

#### **Birthdays**

Debbie Zurenda 1, Kenneth Stagner 6, Carol Coles 8, George Schneider 9, Debbie Magness 12, Harold Hart 15, Karen Lintemuth 20, Dennis Magness 20, Gary White 23, Sue Bowser 30

#### Anniversaries

Margie & Bill Miller 13, Jerri & Gary Miles 15, Karen & Glen Lintemuth 20, Lorie & Arthur Hirsch 28, Ann & Bill Zulas 30

# 2008 FLORIDA GWRRA EVENTS

Oct 5	Chapter FI1-H Charity Bike Show
Oct. 16 – 18	Mississippi District Rally
Oct. 25	FL2-E Chapter Picnic & Benefit
Oct. 31 – Nov.1 Nov 1 Nov. 2	Panhandle Getaway Florida District Rider Ed Fair Ride For Kids,
Nov. 8	FL2-A 30th Anniversary. "Buzzard Run"
Nov. 15	FL1-L2 Poker Run
Nov. 22	FL1-X Spaghetti Social
Dec. 6	FL1-S Mingle Jingle

Daytona Beach Biloxi, MS Clewiston Panama City St. Petersburg Sarasota County Technical Institute West Palm Beach Brooksville Orange Park Zephyrhills

# **2009 FLORIDA GWRRA EVENTS**

Jan. 10-11	CD Conference
Jan. 17	FL2-L Chapter Rally
Jan. 25	FL2-D 4 Chapter Breakfast
Feb . 08	South Florida Ride For Kids
Feb. 14	FL1-T Poker Run
Mar. 12 – 14	Florida District Rally
March 26-28	Alabama District Rally
March 29	FL1-E2 America Diabetes Assoc. Poker Run
April 4	FL1-B Road Rally & Fun Day
April 11	FL2-G Charity Poker Run
April 18	FL1-W Green Eggs & Ham Poker Run
April 30- May 2	South Carolina District Rally
May 9	FL1-F2 Poker Run/Motorcycle Rally
June 11-13	Georgia District Rally
Nov. 14	Florida District Rider Ed Fair

Kissimmee Lakeland Melbourne Pompano Beach Inverness Kissimmee Pelham, AL Fort Walton Beach Seffner Fort Myers Orlando Myrtle Beach, SC St. Petersburg Hiawassee, GA St. Petersburg



# October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	<b>C</b> ick Tire Country Skillet 2839 Roosevelt Blvd	3	€lermont Winery Ride RM 7:45 AM FL1-H2 Orlando
5 Honey Do	6	7	8	<b>Steak n Shake</b> 18627 US 19	10	11 AM Breakfast Golden Corral 7:45 AM Chapter Bike Display Home Depot Ulmerton Rd 9-2PM Evening of Bowling
12 Old Port Cove Ozello RM 10:30 AM	13	14	15	16 General Meeting Stacey's	<b>17</b> Newletter Articles Due	18 Rattle Snake Festival San Antonio RM 8 AM Visitation Chapter A Tampa
19 Honey Do	20	21	22	23 Kick Tire McDonalds US 19 & Nursery	24	25 Ride to FL2-E Rally Clewiston RM 7:15 AM
26 Congo Mini Golf Meet 1 PM	27 Council Meeting 7 PM	28	29	<b>30</b> Kick Tire Rose N Crown 12850 Walsingham	31 -	

# November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						Florida's District Riders Fair St. Pete
Ride For Kids Sarasota RM 7:45 AM	3	4	5	Kick Tire Village Inn 2871 Gulf to Bay	7	8 Clearwater Half Ironman RM 6 AM
Fantasy of Flight Roar & Soar RM 8 AM	10	11	12	13 <sub>Kick</sub> Tire Ruby Tuesdays 2675 Roosevelt Blvd	14	15 FL1-L2 Poker Run Brooksville RM 8:45 AM
<b>16</b> Shop n' Golf Day	17	18	19	<sup>2</sup> General Meeting Stacey's	21 Newsletter Articles Due	E Constanti Social FL1-X Spaghetti Social Orange Park RM RM 6:45AM
23Atlantic to Gulf Ride 30Honey Do	24 Council Meeting 7 PM	25	26	27 Happy Thankyiving! To You And Your Family	28	29 Honey Do

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6 FL1-S Mingle Jingle
Cookson Hill Toy Run	8	9	10	11	12	13 Bike Parade Route to be announced
14 Chapter Christmas Party	15	16	17	18 General Meeting Stacey's	<b>19</b> Newsletter Articles Due	20 Lite Bike Ride Route to be Announced
21	22	23	24	25 Merry Christmas	26	27
28	29 Council Meeting 7 PM	30	31 Happy New Year	Party wil	ars Eve be held s Retreat	

## **Region A Rally – From a member's perspective**

Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008, 12:14 PM. Debbie and I hit the bricks in the caddy heading for Perry, FL and the Hampton Inn. We decided to take the car because the potential path of hurricane IKE was too undefined at the time. The trip there was uneventful and the love bugs were non-existent because there was enough wind blowing to keep them grounded, a real blessing. We arrived there around 4 PM. Bill and Margie Miller were already there awaiting our arrival. Bill called me on the cell phone when he saw us in the parking lot. We agreed to rendezvous with them in the lobby at 5:30.

Why the Hampton Inn in Perry you ask? Because they have a HAPPY HOUR starting at 5:30 and it's on the house. A happy hour at the Hampton Inn you say! ON THE HOUSE ??? Well, it's the only Hampton Inn I know of that offers such a friendly atmosphere. What is even better, they use quality liquors for their mixed drinks. Beer and wines are available too. How many drinks can you have? They'll keep pouring as long as you don't get rowdy. But that's not all, there is an ample supply of delicious strawberries, plain, white chocolate or dark chocolate covered , plus an assortment of delicious cookies. Now how's that for hospitality? And all this was supported by two lovely ladies who made sure that we wanted for nothing. I called them our guardian angels. Debbie and I stopped accepting refills after the third round. I didn't keep count on what other M&M'ers, had so I can only say that everyone was able to walk a straight line when we walked a few hundred feet to an Italian restaurant next door for supper. There were no complaints there either.

Since Perry was more than half way to our destination, we decided to leisurely get ready to leave by 10:00 AM. Hampton Inns also provide a pretty good complimentary breakfast which satisfied our morning hunger. As we were preparing to get into the car, some traveler was entering the parking lot blowing their horn like someone was in their way. I looked up to see this white Dodge van bearing down on us. Now who do you suppose that was? Tracy & Sharon Dunn with passengers Paul and Wavy Begin. What a coincidence that was for them to be passing the Hampton Inn just as we were getting ready to leave. What are the odds of that? Now we had a caravan, Dunn's, Miller's and us.

We stopped for lunch about quarter of twelve at a Sonny's. The love bugs there were really bad. They were worse than a swarm of flies around ...... well, you know what I mean.

Now, there were only about 80 miles or so to go and we rolled in at the host motel, Holiday Inn South in Dothan, AL., a little early for check-in. But the time passed quickly. We noticed that Ed Porter had a bee hive of activity going on outside getting the vendors organized and a big tent raised and set up with tables and chairs.

I had talked to Nan Shrader at the Chapter A Auction about the pending hurricane regarding their Region A Rally and she said they were very worried about the weather because they had such a large investment in their Rally. So when I saw her in the registration area I said "I guess you can breathe easier now that it looks like the storm will pass us by." She smiled and let out a big sigh of relief saying yes, thank heavens.

Time passed quickly and dinner began at 5:30 PM in the hotel dining room. You had the option to order from the menu or a very nice buffet for \$10.95. Trust me, the food was good and plentiful. And there was another bonus too, a full-up complimentary breakfast buffet was included with the hotel room for each day of the rally.

Mom & Pop, Tracy & Sharon, Paul & Wavy, Bill & Margie and Debbie& I gathered for dinner in the lobby. Tracy was feeling under the weather during the entire rally and this was the only time we saw him outside his room. Tough break Tracy, your presence was missed by all. The hostess said if we wanted to remain a group of 10 they could accommodate us in a small conference room across the lobby from the restaurant. That sounded good to us and it worked just fine. One thing that seems to be obvious, the hotel staff have for the most part been very accommodating. There was some difficulty getting everyone who needed downstairs rooms properly cared for but it all came out in the wash. As the day came to a close, a group of us gathered poolside for BS session for an hour or two before turning in for the night.

Thursday morning was slow arriving in that our bodies were accustomed to the Eastern time zone but in Dothan, its Central time and I was eager to check out that free breakfast buffet. Turns out it exceeded my expectations, especially since it was included with the room.

Debbie found a flyer about the Army Aviation Museum at Fort Rucker so the guys (Jim & Ron Jackson, Paul Begin, Bill Miller and myself) decided to go take a look. The wives wanted to go to some shoe store and since none of the guys wanted to shop, we took off in the car for the museum. The side trip was about 25 miles of good road with no delays. Upon arriving at the gate, base security detoured us to an area where they checked the car trunk for content and documented my driver's license and car registration data before allowing us to proceed. The museum wasn't more than a quarter mile from the gate and clearly visible as we cleared security. Inside, there were countless displays of helicopters, unmanned intelligence gathering and attack aircraft, several fixed wing World War I aircraft and even three or four aircraft from the days of the beginning of manned flight era either standing on the floor or suspended from overhead roof supports. It was a very interesting and informative display.

After dinner, when the restaurant closed, we were allowed to use that conference room I mentioned earlier for Dominos. There were enough of us (11) to have two games going. I don't remember who won so it must not have been me.

By Thursday evening a few more M&M'ers had arrived. Curtis Palmore wasn't sure where he was going, so rumor has it that he had to call Ron Lance to find out where to go when he got near Tallahassee. Must be an age thing. And after Curtis, Bob Price rolled in making it 14 M&M'ers all tolled.

Friday was Debbie's day to hit the vendors. With a new paint job on her trike, she says it's time for some new chrome and stuff. Nuff said bout dat !

It seemed that Bob and Nan Schrader's efforts, and their reputation, have paid off in attendance for this rally. I hear that total attendance was 690 with Florida bringing 220 or so. In terms of vendors, there were about 16, give or take. Perhaps vendor participation was limited by previous Region A Rally attendance. I'll bet there'll be more vendors and supporters next year. I know I plan to go next year. It will be held at the same place and that sounds good to me.

#### Dennis & Debbie

### **Tidbits from the Newsletter Editor**

As we hope to dodge upcoming hurricanes, it is hard to believe that the Christmas Holidays aren't all that far away. It's hard to think about Christmas when you have sweat running off your brow in early October. But the holidays aren't that far away so I'd like to offer you some suggestions that you can think about.

Our chapter had some very nicely decorated bikes and trailers that we exhibited for the Christmas holidays last year. Riding through the many communities with our illuminated bikes and accompanied music has been a great tradition that our chapter does. Each year we have requests to add communities to our routes. We hope that bringing our "lighted parade" to those communities where some of the residents, due to age or medical conditions, can no longer enjoy the Christmas parades that their towns offer, and will enjoy our illuminated parade. We in return receive the smile of a grandchild, the wave from the elder lady or man in the window or a "Merry Christmas" from those folks standing in the roadway as we pass. And yes, we are asked to stop for an occasional Christmas snack.

For those of you that have not yet been with us long enough to have enjoyed such a holiday, here is what we do.

Our bikes run off of a 12volt DC electrical system. We use a device called an inverter which turns the 12 VDC to 120 VAC. (A 300 to 500 watt unit will give you plenty of power.) This enables us to use the Christmas lights that are normally used to decorate a regular Christmas tree. However, now that strings of LED Christmas lights are available we use those, as they last much longer and greatly reduce the load on our electrical systems. Using the "controlled" lighting effect strings, which blink or change colors really improve the lighting effect. Ideally, using a deep cycle battery located on a trailer is a much better arrangement. Using this arrangement keeps the hundreds of lights running for many hours. Locating the battery and inverter in the trailer isolates the electrical system from the bike's system and permits us to leave the lights running while the bikes are parked.

In order to mount the light strings themselves we use large suction cups with grooves in them to place them on our bikes and trailers. I would suggest giving the bike a good coat of wax, then pushing the suction cups on the bike. Small cups are available but we have found that the larger ones hold better. Do not use the ones with the metal clips – use the ones described above. Figure one cup for each one or two lights. Remember the lights will be on the bike for 2-4 weeks and will be subjected to highway speeds.

Remember the lights are powered by 110 VAC and you must use the same precautions that you are required to use when working with these voltages. Don't modify factory wiring. Never leave exposed wiring where it can be touched or can short to anything on you or the bike. Keep the light strings away from the wheels, forks or any moving part of the bike. Don't wrap the lights around either the radio antenna or the CB antenna. They are metal and flex, which could rub though the wiring insulation causing a short. Besides, the electrical field that the wiring produces can damage the radios. 9

Here are some helpful hints.

We have found the suction cups at the Lowe's centers during the holiday season.

The inverters can be purchased at many locations, from auto parts stores to Home Depot, Sears or Lowe's.

Thrift shops (ie. Hospice, Salvation Army ) are a good place to find articles that you may wish to decorate your bike or trailer with – and the prices are very reasonable. Just remember that the decorations are exposed to the elements and winds at highway speeds – choose accordingly.

If you use this link to our website you'll be able to see some of last year's decorated bikes (Video courtesy of Anne Zulas).

http://suncoastwings.com/christmas07/video/winghouse.wmv

I hope you will join us in this upcoming year's holiday activities. They're always lots of fun.

**Taul** 



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. Ads may be e-mailed or given directly to the editor. Once the item sells, please let the editor know so it can be removed.



# **GOODY SALES**

If you want Chapter M shirts or patches, flags, decals, please call us ahead of time at 727-517-3552 . We will bring them to the kick-tire or General Meetings.

A limited number of Chapter helmet hangers are available. Please contact Pete Pawluk @ 727 517-3552 for details. 1993 GL1500 with 2004 MotorTrike Coupe conversion. 60k miles, 10k since triked. Too many accessories to list, but it's well appointed. \$15,900. Call Doug Gray 386-246-9335 or fl1kcd@cfl.rr.com.

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**1993 Red Goldwing 1500 Interstate** Original owner with 26,652 miles on the bike. Sale includes helmets, heavy duty lift and service manual. There are many extras on the bike. Asking \$6,000. Please call 727 532-0927

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**Nice Trailer for Bike Transport or Utility Use** 6 1/2 foot wide,8 feet long, electric jack and winch, rear stabilizing jacks ramps & ratch tie- downs, spare tire and rim \$ 500.00 Ask for Jim 727 524-7695

Please phone any changes in your address, telephone home/cell phone numbers or e-mail address to Rich Schaad – Cell-727-421-6083. We would like to keep our records up to date.

# **Picture of the Month**







And this is what ?

A few of our guys and gals checking out earlier modes of transportation

