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**KICK TIRES**

1st, 2nd, & 4th Thursdays

1st - Village Inn, 2525 Gulf-to-Bay

2nd- Georgie Boy 1101 S. Missouri

4th—Rotating—See Calendar \*

Eat at 6:00; Meet at 7:00

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**FL1-M**

**CELEBRATES**

**35 YEARS!**

**GENERAL GATHERING**

3rd Thursday - Country Skillet

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Eat at 6:00; Meet at 7:00

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# Chapter Directors Message

May was a **FUN** month at a slightly relaxed pace. As the weather man turns up the heat and humidity, we're starting to gear down with some indoor activities to help keep our cool. In that vein, we visited Ybor City for some local Cuban history, culture and cuisine. We had an opportunity to take a very interesting and informative tour of the Tabanero Cigar Factory followed by a Flamenco Show and a fabulous dinner at the Columbia on May 13. All who went really enjoyed themselves. And we learned a lot about Ybor City that we never knew, (like why there are chickens all over town) even though many of us have lived in the area for years and visited Ybor several times. Check out the photo story about our Ybor adventure on Page 10. (And get the scoop on the chickens!!)

Speaking of chicken, 10 of us (a few were camera shy) rode to the Farmer's Market Buffet in Webster on May 6 and stuffed ourselves with delicious fried chicken and country cookin'.

Then on May 26 we had a blast with a "Leap Frog" ride that wound up at Fred's Market in Plant City. One after another, each rider took the lead—in our case for 25 minutes each— and went in whichever direction they wanted to go over whatever route they chose. The Tail Gunner called time to change leaders. We discovered several new roads that none of us had ever been on, (which says a lot since many of us have ridden in the area for years), and had a great time. When the allotted time was up, the first leader picked a place nearby for lunch. Fred's in Plant City was Art Makinster's pick!

Another highlight this month was our annual Chapter M picnic with 32 folks in attendance at Walsingham Park on May 28. The day was Chamber of Commerce perfect with a nice breeze. Thank you to all who helped set up and clean up. Special thanks to Bob Reynolds for assisting Curtis as Grill Chef!



**June 1, 2017, marks Chapter FL1-M's 35th Anniversary! To commemorate this occasion, we are hosting a celebration on Saturday, November 11, 2017, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Honeywell's Minnreg Building in Largo. A special ceremony is planned to honor our Veterans. We hope that many of our GWRRA friends will join us to share a FUN day of memories, games, prizes and great food! A flier for the event with all the details follows this article. Please take a few moments now to check it out. Pre-registrations received by October 31 are \$12 per person; after October 31 - \$15 per person.**



**Ride Safe, Ride Aware**  
Curtis and Kim Palmore  
Chapter Directors, FL1-M

# Chapter FL1-M to Celebrate 35 Years!

Saturday, November 11, 2017

10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Honeywell's Minnreg Building

6340 126th Avenue, Largo, FL 33773

Indoors—Rain or Shine!

Enjoy Music, Dancing and a Catered, Sit-Down Dinner!

Pork, Chicken, Burger Sliders, Mashed Potatoes

Baked Beans, Corn Cobbetts, Garden Salad

Dessert and Beverage!

Games, 35/25/25/15, Door Prizes!

Grand Prizes include a \$200 Walmart Gift Card!

Only \$12 per person if Pre-Registered by October 31, 2017!

\$15 per person after October 31, 2017

**\$100 CASH PRIZE FOR LARGEST CHAPTER PRE-REGISTERED!**



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Make check to GWRRA FL1-M, Send to: Curtis Palmore, 14800 58th Street N., Clearwater, FL 33760.

PLEASE PRINT Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Rider \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Paid: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Co-Rider \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Paid: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (h) \_\_\_\_\_ (c) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

I/We agree to hold harmless GWRRA, the sponsoring organizations and any property owners for any loss or injury to me or my property by reason of my participation in this event.

Rider's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Co-rider's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## **NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT**



Photo by Paul Begin

**Please welcome new GWRRA members David & Tracy Lilly to Chapter FL1-M!**

**Many of you already know David because he has helped us out with the St. Anthony's Triathlon the past 4 years. Thank you so much, David! He is a co-worker of Mary Claypool's at Honeywell and finally gave in and joined the Chapter—maybe just to shut us all up once and for all! Fortunately for us, he brought along his bubbly wife, Tracy! They ride a VTX 1300 Honda. David and Tracy are a great addition to the Chapter, and we are thrilled to have them as part of the M Family!**

## **NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT**



**Please welcome new GWRRA members Brent & Vicki Oldham to Chapter FL1-M!**

**Brent Oldham was referred to Chapter M by his brother, Scott, a former Chapter Director of FL1-Y in Gainesville. Brent and his wife, Vicki, ride a 2005 Gold Wing trike with a Champion conversion kit. Brent has already thrown himself into the swing of things with M by offering to organize a ride on Memorial Day! We met Vicki for the first time at the annual Chapter picnic at Walsingham Park on May 28. We are delighted that they have decided to make Chapter M their GWRRA home! WELCOME!**

# *Rider Education Corner*

## **LEVEL 4 ANNOUNCEMENT!**

**Chapter FL1-M would like to congratulate Dave Pattison on attaining Level 4 Master Tour Rider status.**

**This is a major accomplishment and a commitment to ride with ATGATT.**

**Way to go Dave!!**

### **5 mph is NOT trivial!**

**By: James R. Davis**

Speed, it seems to me, is not taken too seriously by motorcyclists. Well, what I mean to say is that **drivers** of any kind of vehicle seem not to understand just how important small speed differences are.

Cash and I were talking the other day and I discovered what I think is a common misunderstanding relative to speed and I want, here, to examine what that misunderstanding is and why it exists. Mostly, however, I want our readers to fully understand that a small speed difference is **not** a trivial matter as it can mean the difference between life and death.

When we are riding it is very normal for us to be traveling at just OVER the speed limit. Sometimes as much as 10 mph over the limit, usually closer to 5 mph over, but in any event, consistent with the traffic around us. My guess is that you do the same.

Cash's contention is that so long as there is a very low chance of cross traffic or an accident ahead, it makes almost no difference how fast we are moving relative to the speed limit so long as we are close to it. Instead, she argues, her concern is with our speeds when we are coming to a stop in an aggressive manner - such as when we must avoid a wandering deer ahead of us. I fully agree with her. But I wanted to see if she understood just how big a deal it is to be riding just a little over the speed limit when it comes to that emergency stop.

Some of you know that I was recently involved in a court case where a woman motorcyclist died when she collided with a car when she was moving at only 18 mph. **Eighteen Miles Per Hour!**

I asked Cash if the speed limit was 60 mph and we were traveling at 60 mph, did she know that we could come to a complete stop in almost exactly 150 feet. (Assuming we could achieve a deceleration rate of 0.8g's.) She said that she didn't know the number but that sounded about right. I then said that if a deer was 150 feet ahead of her when she began braking, clearly she would **not** collide with that deer, but if she had been traveling at 65 mph when she began braking, then certainly she would hit it (if it did not get out of the way), and she again agreed. Then I asked her how fast the collision speed would be in that case.

Her answer was probably close to what your own answer would be: somewhere between 5 and 10 mph.

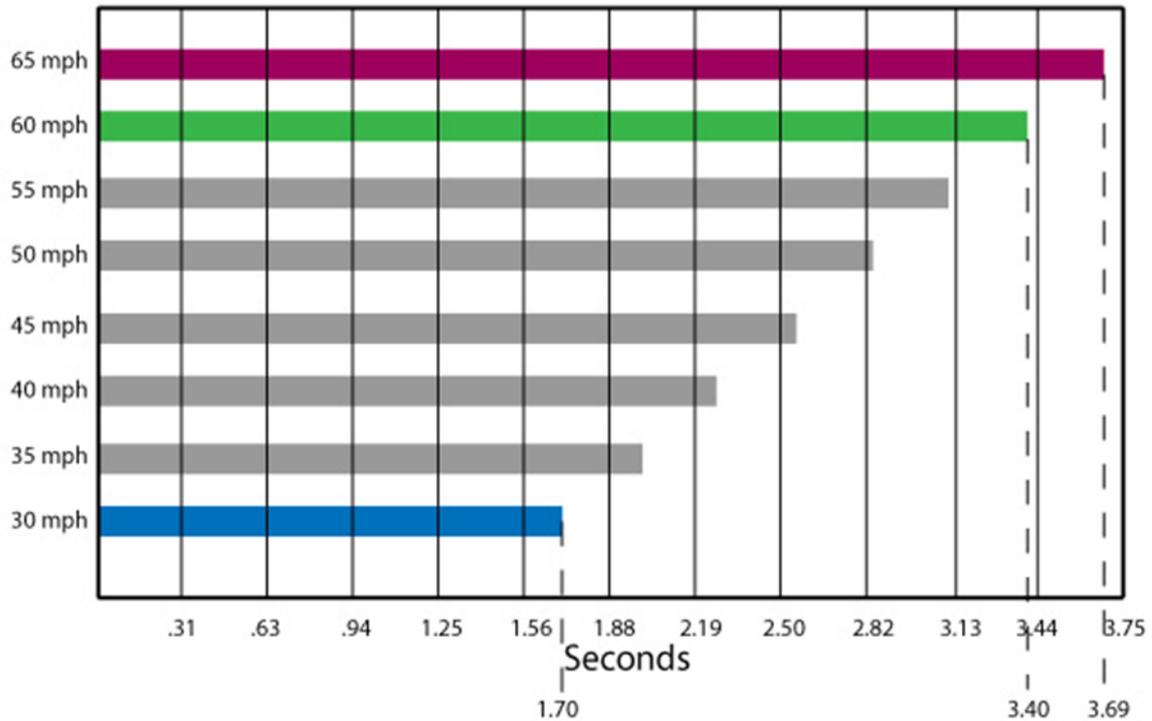
You would probably survive a collision at such low speeds. But as it turns out, she was **very wrong** in her guess. In fact, she would hit that deer at a speed of 25 mph. **Twenty-five Miles Per Hour!**

The problem in her perspective, and probably yours, is the tendency to think in linear terms.

For example, let's look at a graph that shows how long it takes to stop your motorcycle starting at various speeds and again assuming a deceleration rate of 0.8g's.

# Rider Education Corner

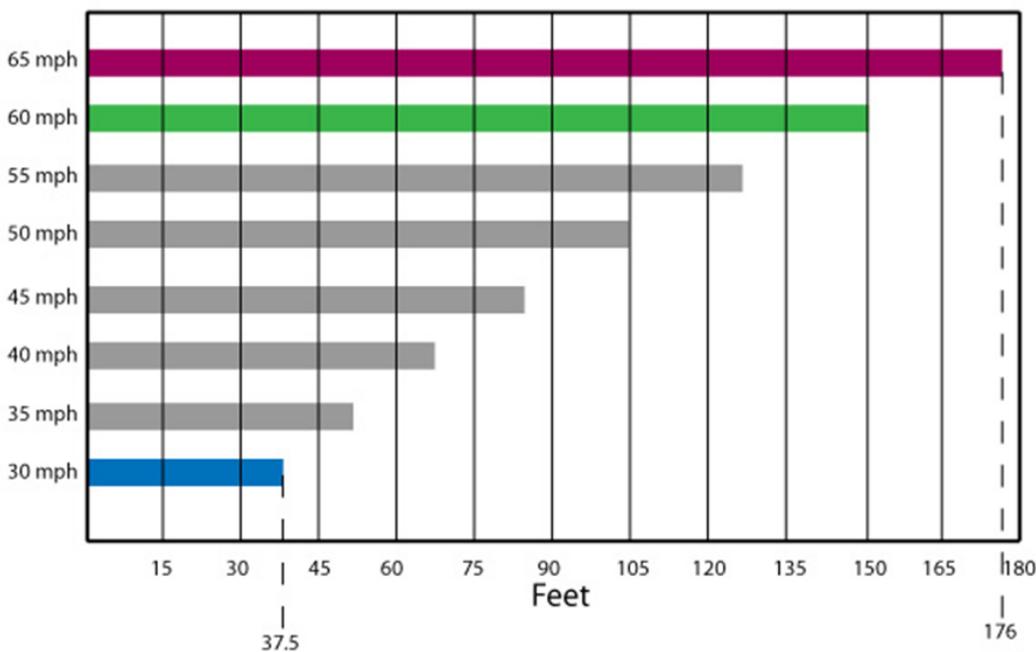
Time to complete stop



Observe, please, that the blue line shows that you can come to a complete stop from a speed of 30 mph in 1.70 seconds. Then notice that if we double the speed to 60 mph, the green line, that it takes you exactly twice as long to stop (3.40 seconds). There is clearly a linear relationship between time to stop and speed.

But now let's look at stopping distance versus speed.

Distance to complete stop



Here we observe that it takes 37.5 feet to come to a complete stop starting at 30 mph, but if we double the starting speed to 60 mph, it takes FOUR times as much distance to come to a complete stop (150 feet) instead of twice (75 feet). Obviously, stopping distance is NOT a linear function. Instead, it varies with the SQUARE of your speed. Why? Because when you double the speed you increase the kinetic energy of the moving vehicle by the square of that increase - and all of that kinetic energy must be scrubbed (converted to heat) by your brakes.

Now observe from the two diagrams above that by increasing our starting speed by only 5 mph to 65 instead of 60, it takes us only 1 quarter of a second longer to stop, actually 0.29 seconds, but in that quarter of a second we traveled an extra 26 feet!

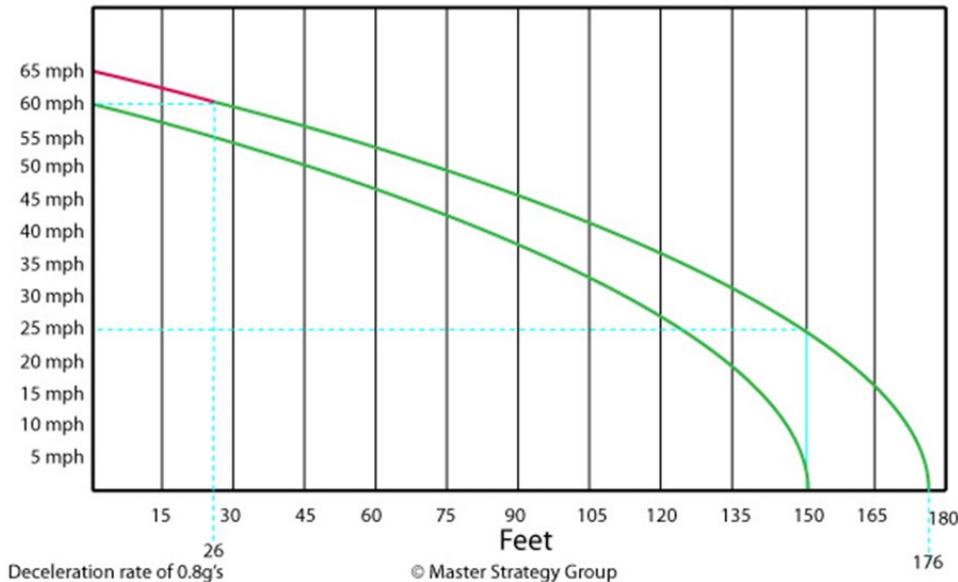
# Rider Education Corner

Since as we brake from 65 mph to zero mph we must pass through 60 mph, there can be no difference in the stopping time nor distance to stop between the last 60 mph starting at 65 and the entire graph starting from 60 mph. Therefore, that extra 26 feet of stopping distance came at the beginning of our braking effort, not at the end of it.

This should also be obvious from the fact that we see that we can scrub a full 30 mph in just 37.5 feet while it takes us an additional 26 feet of stopping distance to scrub just 5 mph from a starting speed of 65 mph.

So let's now look at how fast you are traveling while decelerating from 60 mph and from 65 mph.

Speed during complete stop



We can see that the green portion of the speed curves is identical, of course, because they show the deceleration from 60 mph to zero in both curves. The red portion of the top curve shows that the only difference, in terms of speed and distance between stopping from 65 mph and 60 mph is 26 feet and 5 mph and that it happens at the start of deceleration, not at the end.

Now we look at the bottom right of the chart and we see that when stopping from 65 mph we are traveling at 25 mph when we have crossed the 150 foot mark. That is, we would **collide with the deer at 25 MPH** if we began braking at 65 mph at a distance of 150 feet from it.

Now you see why that 'trivial' 5 mph of extra speed is not so trivial after all. It can kill you.

Now some of you techie types will claim that the actual collision speed will be considerably higher than my chart shows because if both vehicles noticed a threat at the same time, and if both drivers take the same amount of time to Perceive the threat, Decide what to do about it, and React (PDR), then the faster moving vehicle will travel farther before its brakes are applied.

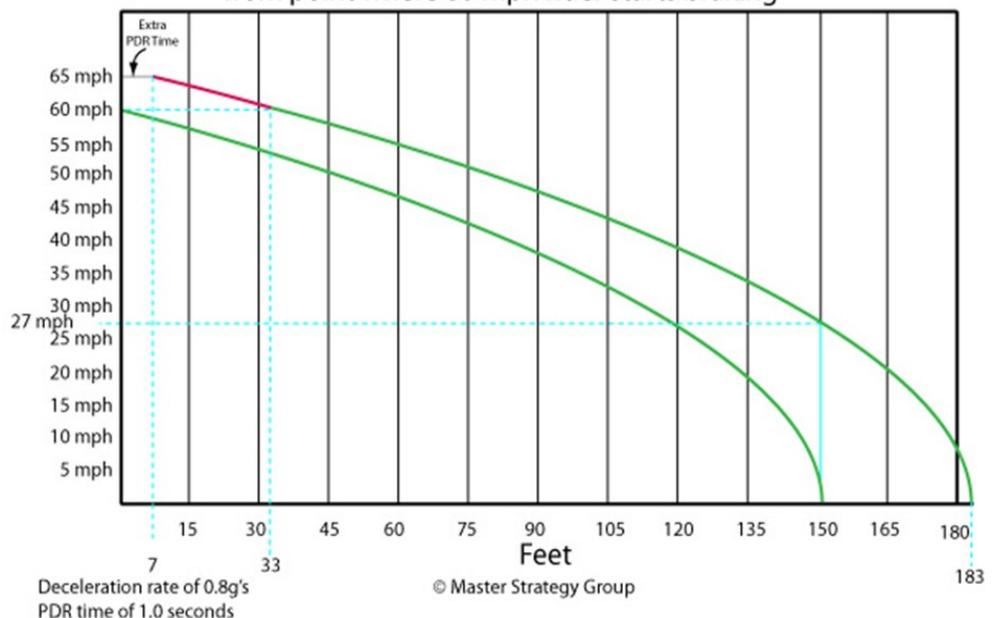
It will surprise you to learn that delayed start of braking because of PDR time **is trivial** compared to that extra 5 mph of starting speed we discussed.

Here is a new chart to demonstrate that.

If we assume 1.0 seconds of PDR, then the bike moving at 65 mph will travel 7 feet farther during PDR than will the bike moving at 60 mph. (65 mph = 95 feet per second, 60 mph = 88 feet per second.)

Delaying the start of braking by 7 feet for the vehicle traveling at 65 mph results in a collision speed of 27 mph instead of 25 mph.

Speed during complete stop from point where 60 mph rider starts braking



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(James R. Davis is a recognized expert witness in the fields of Motorcycle Safety/Dynamics.)

Submitted by Tracy Dunn, Sr. Chapter Educator

*. . . Let Me Explain!*



**Yep, Ron Schwager got the “Let Me Explain” pin for this one at the May 11 Kick Tire at Georgie Boy. He had his shirt on backwards—and no—it wasn’t on purpose. So he really didn’t have a good “Explanation”. And what’s even funnier is that a bunch of us didn’t even notice until it was pointed out!**

Photos by Sharon Dunn

## Chapter M Enjoyed a Tour of the Tabanero Cigar Factory!

Founded by Yanko Macedo in 2010, the Tabanero Cigar Factory is located in Centro Ybor on 7th Avenue in Tampa's National Historic Landmark District. Tabanero Cigars produces fine, hand-made Cuban cigars that are shipped worldwide.



Our knowledgeable guide, Steve Stamberger, “one of the Tabanero family”, provided an entertaining and informative history of the cigar industry and the development of Ybor City during our hour tour of the Tabanero Cigar Factory on May 13. We sat back, sipped delicious, freshly brewed Cuban coffee, and enjoyed ourselves. Here are a few interesting highlights.



Ybor City owes its existence to an error that was made by civil engineer, Gavino Gutierrez, who was employed by a New York City fruit packing and canning firm in the mid-1880's. Gutierrez came to Tampa Bay expecting to find groves of wild guava trees. Once here he found, much to his embarrassment, that not only did those trees not exist, but the place was swampy marshland!

In order to save face, Gutierrez convinced two cigar makers who were looking for new factory locations: Vicente Martinez Ybor, a Cuban cigar maker, and Ignacio Haya, a Spanish cigar manufacturer, that Tampa was an excellent location for cigar production. It was close enough to Cuba that importing tobacco by sea would be quick and cheap; the climate was warm and humid to keep the tobacco leaves fresh and workable; and Plant's new railroad line would make it easy to ship the finished cigars across the United States.

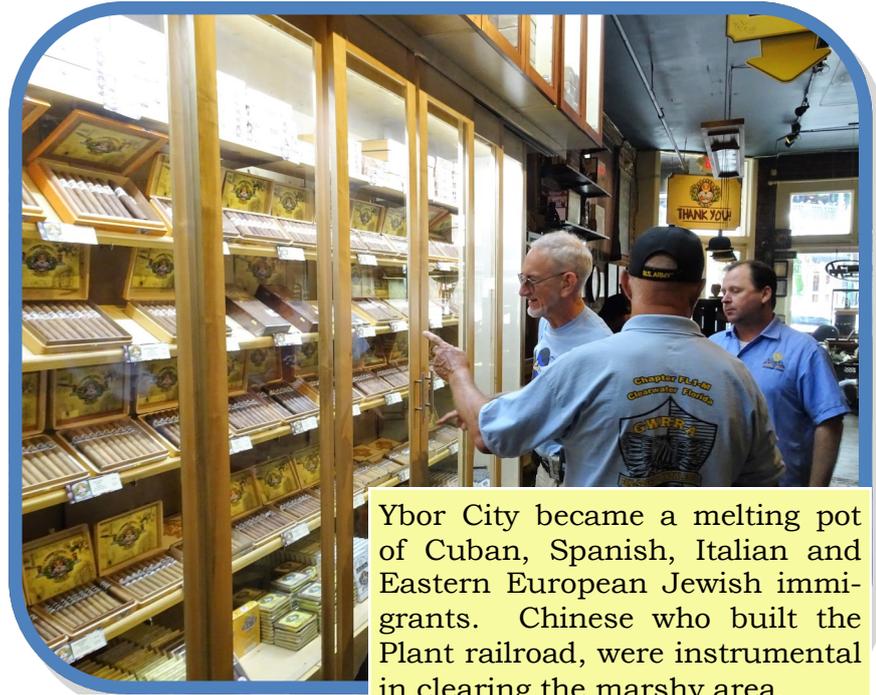
# Tabanero Cigar Factory

Ybor offered \$5,000 for a 40-acre tract of land, but the owner wanted \$9,000. Neither side was willing to budge, and it came time to depart for Galveston, Texas, which was Ybor's next potential factory site. Just as Ybor and Haya were about to leave, the Tampa Board of Trade offered to put up the \$4,000 difference in the price of the land.

Ybor established a company town with shot gun houses for employees. He offered them for sale at \$400, just above the cost to build them, payable in small deductions from the workers' salary in his cigar factory.

Ybor hired that civil engineer who came looking for guavas, Gavino Gutierrez, to lay out streets in a grid fashion, similar to that of New York City.

In order to attract more residents to the city, Ybor planned a town where employees could own their homes and private entrepreneurs could buy land and build businesses.



Ybor City became a melting pot of Cuban, Spanish, Italian and Eastern European Jewish immigrants. Chinese who built the Plant railroad, were instrumental in clearing the marshy area.

Ybor City was founded as an independent town in 1885 by a group of cigar manufacturers led by Vicente Martinez-Ybor and was annexed by Tampa in 1887.



## How about those chickens?



Current estimates of the number of wild chickens that roam freely in Ybor City's streets vary from 100 to several hundred. They trace their lineage back to the Great Depression when folks raised animals in their backyards to feed themselves. Somewhere along the line, an official went to court and fought for legal protection for the chickens.

**And the chickens won!**



# Tabanero Cigar Factory



Cigar making is considered an art rather than a trade. Tabaneros's highly skilled cigar makers are trained in Cuba, as there are no schools in Ybor that teach the age-old techniques which differ from one type of cigar to another. The revered art of cigar rolling is often a well-kept secret. It is an intricate process that has been passed down through generations of cigar makers.

The cigar rollers are paid by the cigar. Each has a different quota from 120 to 150 cigars a day depending on the size and complexity of the type of cigar they make. The number of cigar rollers in the factory varies from 4 to 6 at any one time. Tabanero Cigars produces more than 500 cigars a day on average and ships all over the world.

**Thank you Tabanero Cigars and Steve Stamberger for making the extra effort to arrange our tour. We have a new appreciation for cigars and for Ybor City!**

Inside the walk-in humidor, our host, Steve (at top left in photo) talked about the tobacco, the different aromas and types of cigars, how they are stored and properly trimmed and lit.



Sources:  
Steve Stamberger, Tabanero Cigars, and Wikipedia  
Submitted by Kim Palmore, Newsletter Editor

## Flamenco Show and Dinner at the Columbia!

20 Chapter M participants enjoyed a Flamenco Show and dinner at the Columbia in Ybor City on May 13th following our visit to the Tabanero Cigar Factory. The music, costumes and dancing were fabulous, and we had a wonderful meal to top off our Cuban cultural tour. Here are some photos of the



## Flamenco Show and Dinner at the Columbia!



Chapter M enjoyed a special evening out together at the Columbia Restaurant on May 13 as we immersed ourselves in Ybor's Cuban and Spanish culture.

## Chapter M Picnic at Walsingham Park

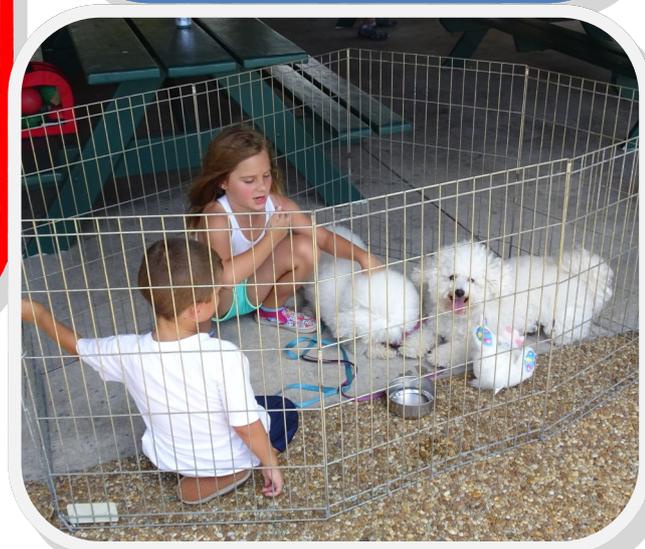
FL1-M held our annual picnic at Walsingham Park in Largo on Sunday, May 29. 32 hungry folks showed up laden with dishes to share. YUMM! A perfect day shared with our Chapter M friends!



We had to get a picture of Paul Begin with a beard for posterity! (Way says he can't keep it!) That's Art Makinster on the left.



Marley and Dillon were cute keeping Curtis and Kim's dogs company in their playpen.



# Picnic at Walsingham Park



Thank you to Bob Reynolds, pictured on the bottom right of the photo at left, for helping Curtis grill! Below: Steven Burson and Bill Zulas hammed it up for the photographer.



Below: Leroy Dibble and Bill Lattanze had a chance to catch up.



And then this guy showed up not too far from shore . . . We kept a close eye on him, and he went about his business.



# CHAPTER FL1-M'S MONTHLY CALENDAR

Hope to see YOU at some of these FUN activities!

**FL1-M**  
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**June**

All riders meetings (RM)  
unless otherwise noted  
will be at WaWa' US 19  
and Roosevelt Blvd

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Chapter Golf meets @ Chi Chis Tee Time 7 AM Each Thursday AM 3030 N McMullen Rd.			<b>1 Kick Tire</b> Village Inn 2525 Gulf to Bay Eat at 6 PM Meet at 7 PM	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Cherry Pockets Bug Run RM 9 AM
<b>4</b> Madeira Beach Triathlon	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Visitation Chapter FL2-D Melbourne – Over Nite Meeting at 7 PM June 6 RM 2:30 PM	<b>7</b>	<b>8 Kick Tire</b> Georgie Boy 1101 S Missouri Eat at 6 PM Meet at 7 PM	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Evening Beach Ride Ice Cream! RM 5 PM
<b>11</b> Surprise Ride Details to be Announced	<b>12</b> Breakfast Ride RM 8 AM	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Chapter Gathering Country Skillet 2839 Roosevelt Blvd Eat at 6 PM Meet at 7 PM	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Honey Do
<b>18</b> Sebring Heartland Triathlon Fathers Day	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Quaker Steak n Lube Recruitment 5-9 PM	<b>22 Kick Tire</b> Golden Corral 10050 Ulmerton Rd Eat at 6 PM Meet at 7 PM	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Barney's Ticket & Recruitment 10 - 2 PM Country Pizza Inn 2:45 PM
<b>25</b> Pot Luck Dinner Training Game Nite 5 PM Park Royale	<b>26</b> Breakfast Ride RM 8 AM Team / Planning Meeting 7 PM at Park Royale	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29 Kick Tire</b> Perkins Restaurant 2626 Gulf to Bay Eat at 6 PM Meet at 7 PM	<b>30</b>	



# Special Days

## June

### Birthdays

6/06 Judy Nolan  
6/15 Evona Pawlik  
6/16 Dave Pattison  
6/18 Zee Morgan  
6/22 Paul Bowser  
6/24 Gene Henry  
6/28 Bob Reynolds



### Anniversaries

6/02 Gary & Essie  
Ryan/Zgorzelski  
6/08 Mike & Pam Richards  
6/13 Dean & Joann Hauser  
6/19 Paul & Wavy Begin  
6/21 JR & Jean Garrison, Jr.  
6/28 George & Julie Schneider  
6/28 Carroll & Sue Stout

## July

### Birthdays

7/01 Donna Van Tuinen  
7/10 Ruth Hicks  
7/21 LeRoy Webb  
7/27 Pam Lantz  
7/29 Julie Schneider  
7/30 Curtis Palmore



### Anniversaries

7/03 Art Makinster  
7/09 John & Karen Jalomo  
7/10 Ken & Fran Hale/Read

# 2017 FLORIDA AND REGION A GWRRA EVENTS



**June 22-24**

**Georgia District Rally**

**Dalton, GA**

**Aug 29-Sept 2**

**Wing Ding 39**

**Grapevine, TX**

**Oct 12-14**

**Mississippi District Rally**

**Gulfport, MS**

**Oct 21**

**FL2-G Pancake Breakfast**

**Ft. Myers**

**Oct 26-28**

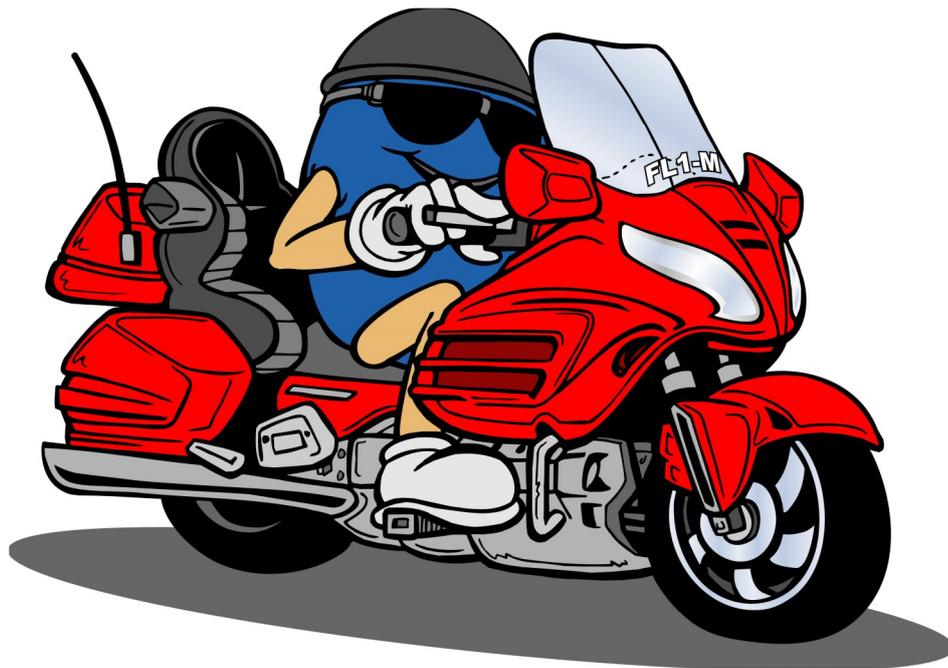
**Region A "Roaring Rally"**

**Eufaula, AL**

**Nov 11**

**FL1-M 35th Anniversary Rally**

**Clearwater, FL**



## **General Information/District and Region A Newsletter Links**

### **All CHAPTER M RIDES LEAVE FROM WAWA'S**

**All rides (including Breakfast rides) will leave from WAWA's at the Southeast corner of Roosevelt and US19 unless otherwise noted on the calendar.  
PLEASE HAVE A FULL TANK OF GAS**

**DATABASE:** If you have changes in your address, home/cell phone numbers or e-mail address, please send them to [dunbo@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:dunbo@tampabay.rr.com) or call Sharon or Tracy Dunn, Database Coordinators, at 727-544-2961. Help us keep our records up to date. Thank you!

**CRUISES:** To learn about cruises planned by FL1-M participants, please go to our website via this link: <http://suncoastwings.com/Cruises/cruise.html>



### **PUBLIC RELATIONS:**

Don't forget that Chapter M collects clothes for Clothes for Kids all year round. Bring donations to a General Gathering and receive extra door prize tickets!

### **GOODY SALES:**

For photos and information on available Chapter M items for sale and an order form, please go to [www.suncoastwings.com](http://www.suncoastwings.com). All orders should be given to Mary Ann Claypool, Goody Sales Coordinator, on the order form that you will find on the website.

### **FLORIDA DISTRICT AND REGION A NEWSLETTERS:**

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<http://www.gwrra-regiona.org/news/Newsletter/AnewsApr17.html>

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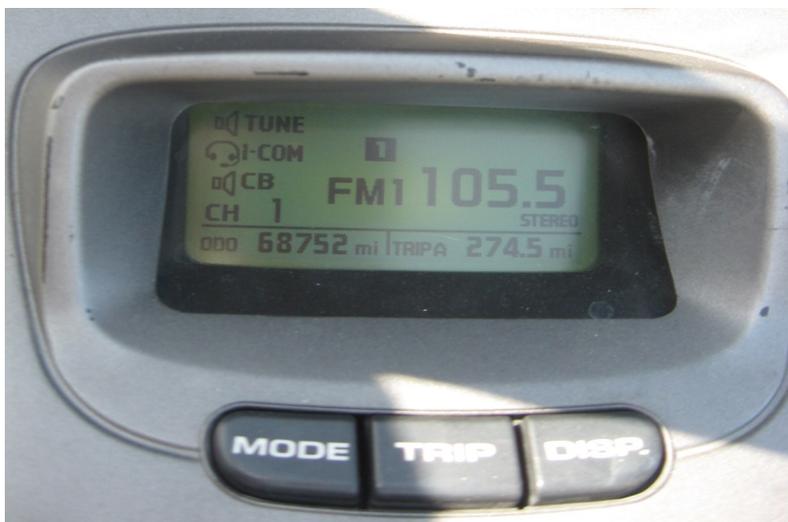


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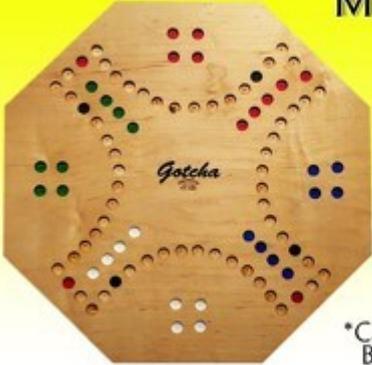
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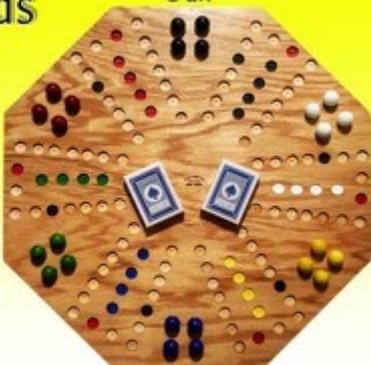
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