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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 *

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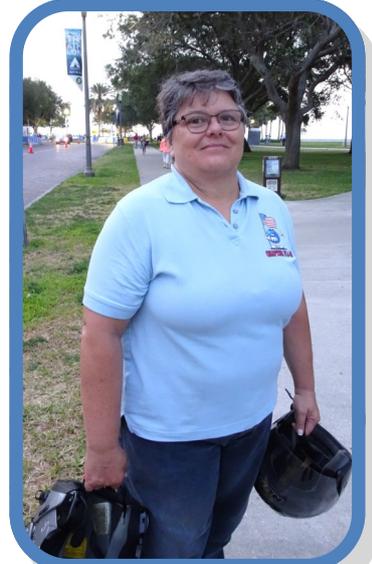
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Chapter Directors Message

Hi Everyone -

First and foremost, we want to THANK EACH OF YOU who volunteered for motorcycle escort duty for the St. Anthony's Triathlon this past Sunday! We really appreciate your support. We particularly want to recognize MARY CLAYPOOL Chapter M's Triathlon Coordinator, for all her hard work organizing this event! It has proven more and more difficult each year to meet the quota of 2-wheelers and trikes needed for the St. Anthony's Triathlon. It was a tough push again this year to fill the volunteer slots. Next year we'd like to see more volunteers earlier in the process so it's not such a nail biter. THANK YOU to Mary Claypool and Annie Zulas who each enlisted one of their co-workers to volunteer for the Triathlon!



The St. Anthony's Triathlon, along with the other smaller Triathlons we work during the year, generates monies for the Chapter activities that we all enjoy. This is where the money comes from for events such as our annual Christmas Party, Chapter Picnic, Bike Decorating Party, lunch at the District Rally, all the items purchased for the Annual Auction, etc. This is also the source of funds for equipment, supplies or props that we purchase for the District Rally skits.

See a photo story about this year's St. Anthony's Triathlon on Page 9.



For those who have headed North or off on vacation, have a great Summer and Ride Safe!

Curtis and Kim Palmore

Chapter Directors FL1-M — at a recent trip to M&M World with some of the Gang

New Membership Enhancement Coordinator Announced for Chapter FL1-M!

Congratulations to Maryann Todd who has volunteered to assume Bill Miller's former duties as Membership Enhancement Coordinator, (MEC). We are very pleased to welcome Maryann to the FL1-M Team! This is an Officer position and, as such, requires completion of GWRRA's Officer Certification Program (OCP). Fortunately,

Maryann has already completed the course, so was ready to step into the slot. THANK YOU, MARYANN, for your willingness to serve in this key role on the Chapter M Team! We look forward to working with you.

Cathy Sweeney has been helping Bill Miller out for the past year or so as Assistant MEC and will continue in that role to assist Maryann as needed. THANK YOU CATHY, for volunteering in a pinch and sticking with it!



The main purpose of the Membership Enhancement Coordinator position is the retention of members. Coordinators work with Chapter Directors and the Team to promote FUN activities and to mentor members on the many benefits of GWRRA membership (i.e. Gold Book, Wing World, Rider Education, Rescue Plus, etc.) Additionally, the MEC contacts New, Prospective and Expiring Members on a monthly basis when the Area Report List (ARL) is sent out from the GWRRA Home Office.



**Thanks, Maryann and
Cathy, for accepting
responsibility for these
important duties!**

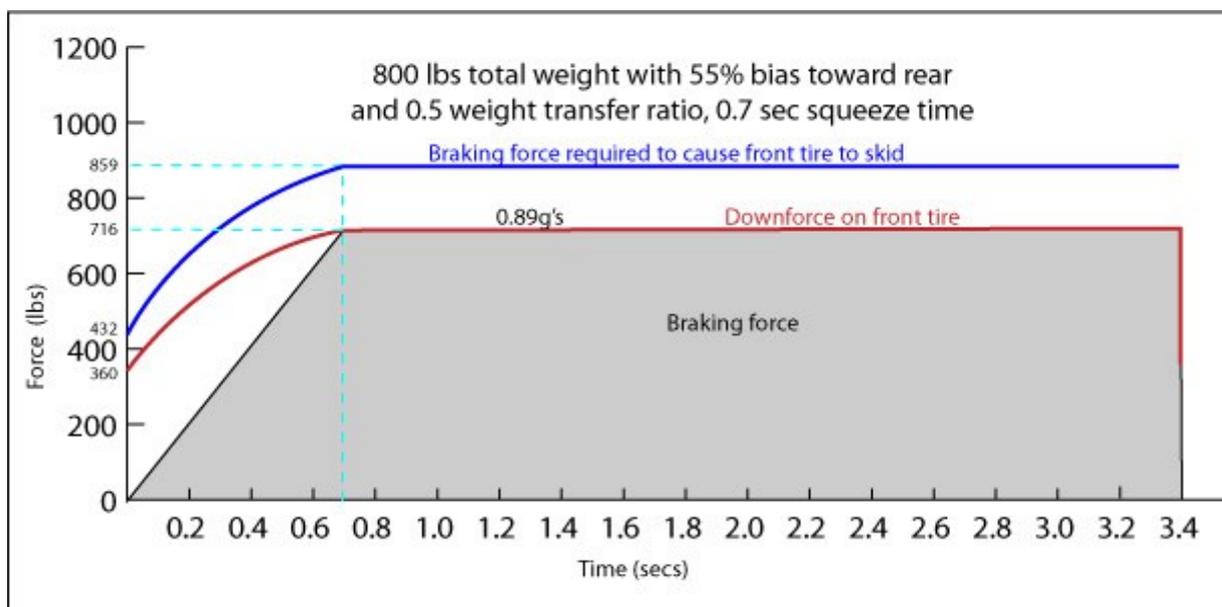
By Kim Palmore, Newsletter Editor

Rider Education Corner

How dangerous is a quick squeeze during a quick-stop?

By: James R. Davis

I want to try to make it clear why you can squeeze the front brake lever as quickly as 0.3 seconds without significantly increasing your risk of skidding the front tire even though it can take as long as 0.7 seconds to fully compress your shocks during aggressive braking. We will look closely at how a motorcycle behaves when achieving an aggressive (0.8g) deceleration rate as it comes to a stop from 60 mph.



The diagram above shows (the red line) how much downforce (weight) is on the front tire over time given that the total weight is 800 lbs., the weight bias is 55% toward the rear, and a 0.5 weight transfer ratio (height of CG divided by length of wheel-base), and that maximum braking pressure (squeeze) occurs in 0.7 seconds and causes a maximum deceleration rate of 0.89g's.

We see that before any deceleration actually occurs, there is a total of 360 lbs. of downforce on the front tire. We also see that after 0.7 seconds, there is a downforce of 716 lbs. on that tire.

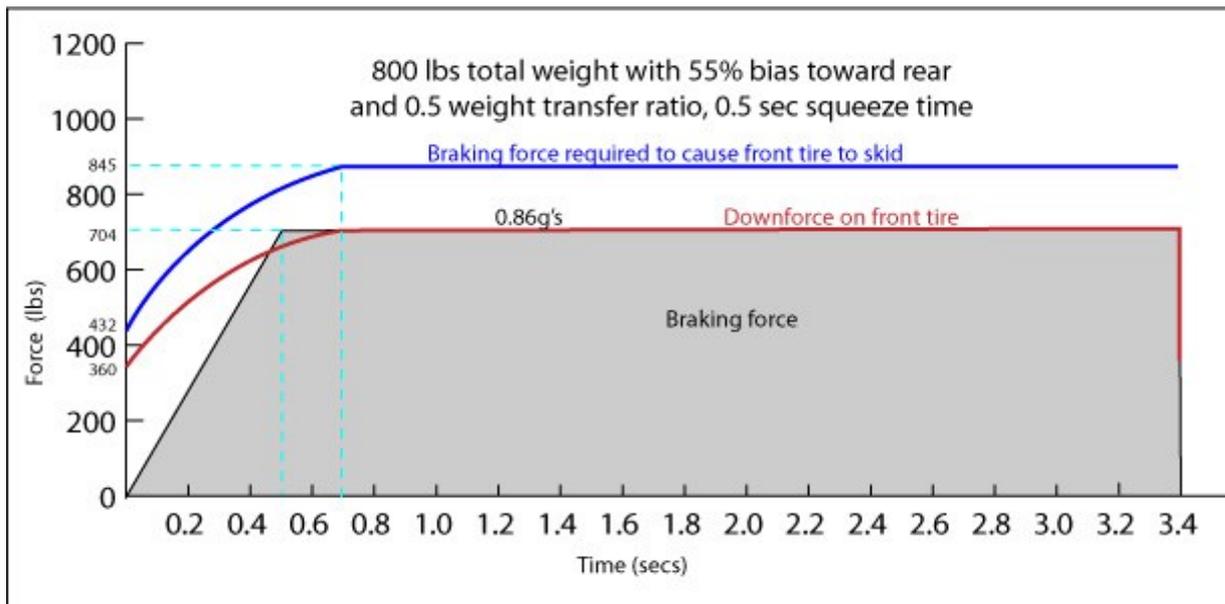
Now we look at the blue line. It represents the maximum braking force that the front tire can produce over time before it skids. This is calculated as 1.2 times the downforce.

Though braking force (the straight black line) is shown as linearly increasing, that is a simplification of reality. It suggests that you squeeze harder in a linear fashion - which is approximately correct.

The red and blue lines are curved, however, to demonstrate that weight transfer reaches the tire contact patch in a non-linear fashion.

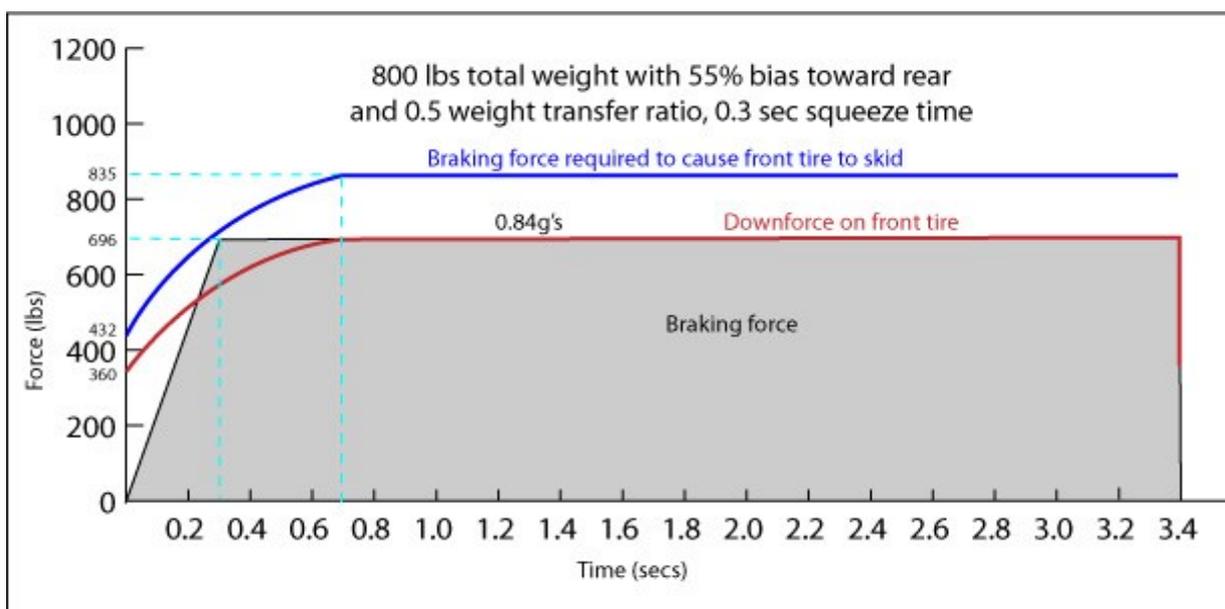
Notice that at no time does the braking force generated by the front tire even approach the blue line - skidding is not likely.

Now let's look at what happens when we reach maximum deceleration rate with a faster squeeze time of 0.5 seconds.



Note that for a brief time near when the maximum deceleration rate is achieved the braking force exceeds the weight on the front tire, but that it does **not** exceed the maximum force required to cause a skid.

Finally, let's look at what happens when the squeeze time is as little as 0.3 seconds.

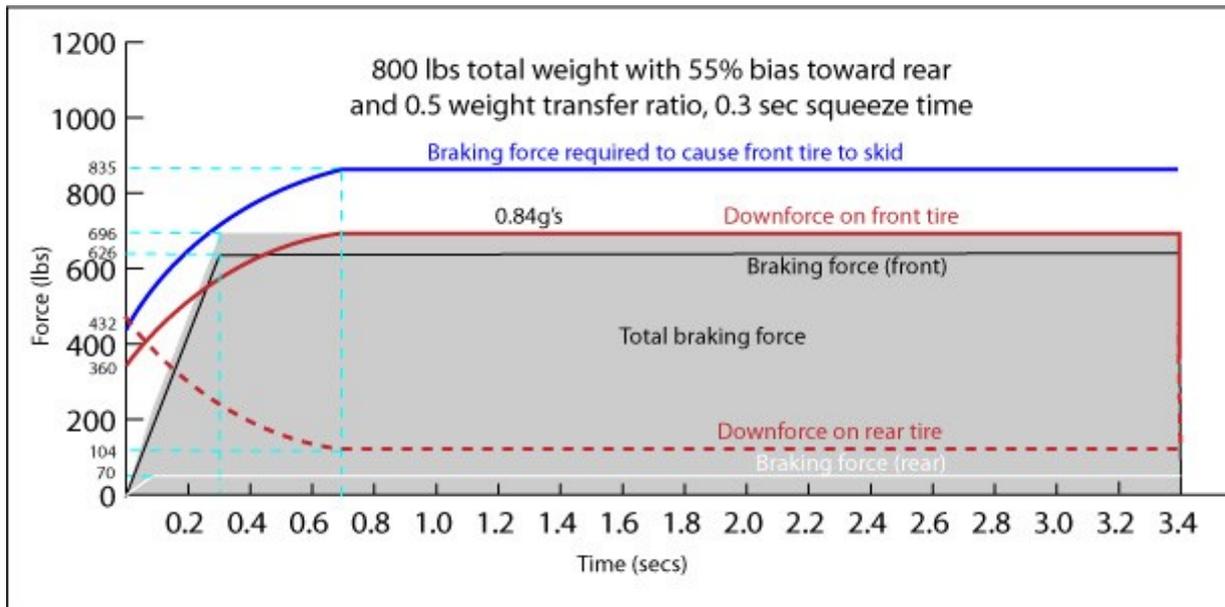


This is not the full story, by any means, but it demonstrates the concepts that I've tried to convey here. A couple of important additional points should be made, however.

So far, this discussion has presumed that **all** braking is done with the front brake. Obviously, a rider is well advised to use **both** brakes whenever doing a quick stop, because you need **some** anti-yaw force from the rear tire to help keep the rear-end of the bike tracking with the front, and because to the extent that you get **any** braking force from the rear tire, you decrease the braking force needed from the front tire.

In terms of the diagrams above, the red and blue lines are not effected in any way when you use both brakes instead of just the front one, the gray area (total braking force) remains the same, but the black line which shows braking force, is broken into two different lines (black for front and white for rear brake) and the black line would be farther away from the red and blue lines - meaning, skidding would be much less likely.

Shown below is an example where the front brake provides 90% of the braking force.



Finally, as I mentioned earlier, the effect of shortening the wheelbase caused by compressing the front shocks is to make both the red and blue lines higher than shown. That, of course, also reduces the likelihood of skidding.

Just to make sure we're all on the same page ... it's when the black line (not the gray area) crosses the blue line that the front tire skids.

This is a concept discussion - the numbers are estimated and approximate. No attempt was made to estimate the effect of shortening the wheelbase.

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

Submitted by Tracy and Sharon Dunn, Sr. Chapter Educators

April 6 Kick Tire at Village Inn



Well, there was a girl with this purse that looked an awful lot like a huge hamburger . . . Dave Pattison couldn't resist!

Margie and Bill Miller surprised us with a visit. It was great to see them both!



Tonight's Kick Tire was the last hurrah for many of our Northern participants who will head home in the next few days. We miss you guys already!



Kim Palmore, Newsletter Editor

April 12 Kick Tire at Country Skillet

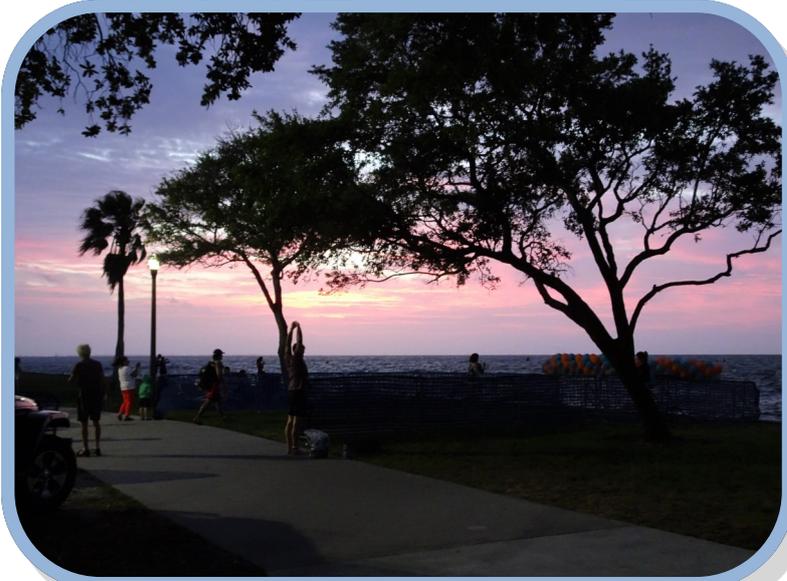
No, that's not a typo, our second Kick Tire In April WAS on Wednesday the 12th instead of Thursday the 13th. We moved it up a day so that we could attend FL1-B Brandon's General Gathering on Thursday for Visitation. Thanks, all for the nice turn-out even though we were off schedule.



St. Anthony's Triathlon Motorcycle Escorts

April 30, 2017

12—2 wheelers and 3 trikes gathered for the 5:45 a.m. Sunday Rider's Meeting at the Rally Gas Station on Ulmerton on April 30. The weather was clear and breezy; a bit cool. Fortified with coffee and led by our fearless leader, we proceeded to Vinoy Park in downtown St. Petersburg. Once there we waited for the Triathlon officials to match us up with judges and media for the race. If you've never participated as a Triathlon escort, it is a pretty interesting and exciting experience. Unfortunately, the 3 trikes didn't get to go out this year as no media showed up wanting to go out on the course. We took advantage of the bestowed time to read and nap. Here are some photos from the event.



We were treated to a beautiful sunrise as the athletes checked in. The two above were having their numbers written on their arms and legs by volunteers.

The Head Judge thanked us for being there and said they couldn't do their job without us.





Thank you to Paul Begin, Steven Burson, Mary Claypool, Glenn Duncan, Ron Jackson, David Lilly, Art Makinster, Chuck Miller, Charlie Nolan, Curtis and Kim Palmore, John Say, Edgar Schulz, Maryann Todd and Bill Zulas for getting up early and giving up their Sunday morning to support the St. Anthony's Triathlon for Chapter M! David Lilly and John Say are co-workers of Mary Claypool and Annie Zulas, respectively, who graciously helped us out. Thanks, guys! (As an added bonus, it appears that both may join FL1-M!)

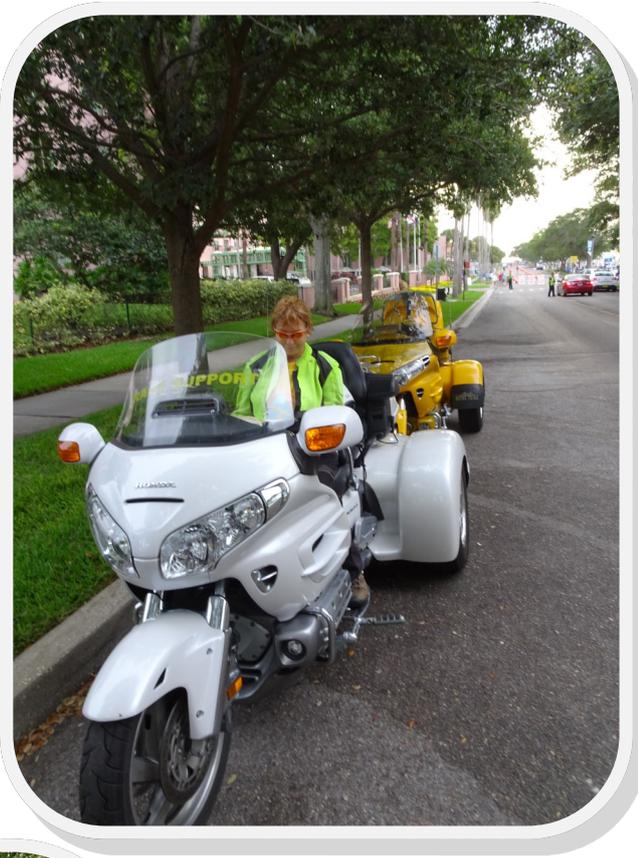
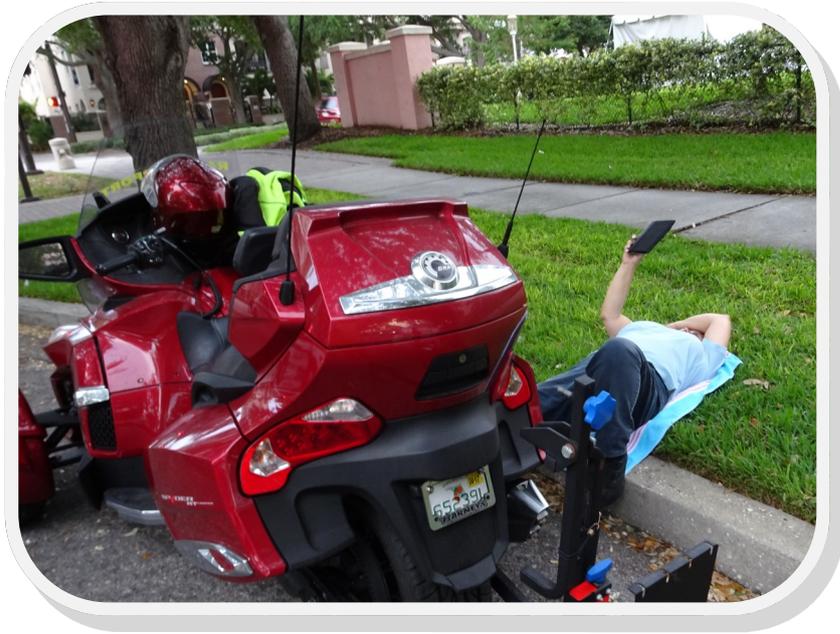




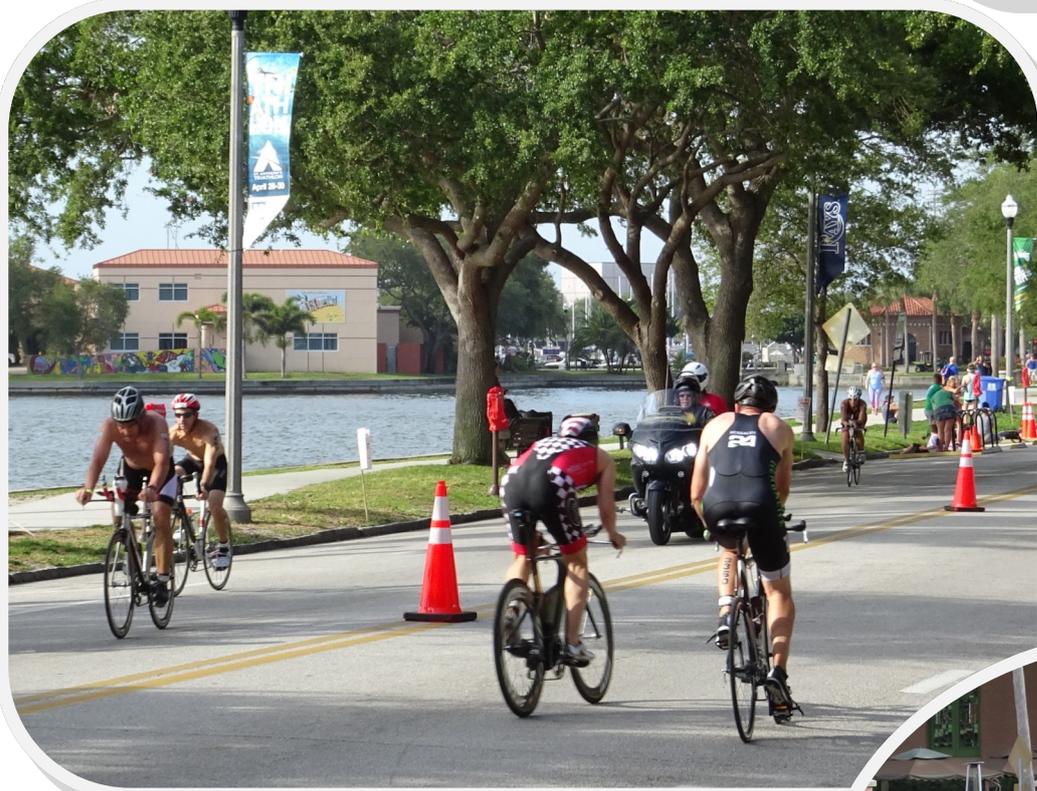
Above: Paul Begin, Ron Jackson, David Lilly and Edgar Schulz, lined up with their assigned judges, waiting to head out on the course. Below: Chuck Miller is loaded up; Bill Zulas and Curtis Palmore await their turn.



Art Makinster ready to roll.



Unfortunately, the trike riders, Mary Claypool, Maryann Todd and Kim Palmore, didn't get to go out on the course this year since there were no media personnel to transport. They took advantage of the time to read and nap.





We celebrated a successful event and thanked everyone for participating with breakfast on the Chapter at the Country Skillet following the Triathlon.

Thanks, Mary, for coordinating the St. Anthony's Triathlon!



***Thanks everybody!
See you next year!***

By Kim Palmore, Newsletter Editor



May is Motorcycle Awareness Month



RICK SCOTT
GOVERNOR

MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, Florida is committed to ensuring the safety of residents and visitors to our great state; and

WHEREAS, more than a million drivers in Florida have a motorcycle endorsement on their driver license; and

WHEREAS, motorcycles can easily be hidden in traffic so motorcyclists and motorists must be vigilant in their efforts to share the road and ensure the safety of everyone;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Scott, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing May 2017 as *Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month*, and encourage all motorists to Share the Road with motorcycles.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 24th day of April, in the year two thousand seventeen.


Governor

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Submitted by Sharon Dunn

CHAPTER FL1-M'S MONTHLY CALENDAR

Hope to see YOU at some of these FUN activities!

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May

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

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--|-----------|-----------|--|-----------|--|
| | 1 Breakfast Ride RM 8 AM | 2 | 3 | 4 Kick Tire Village Inn 2525 Gulf to Bay Eat at 6 PM Meet at 7 PM | 5 | 6 Don Garlits Drag Racing Museum Ocala RM 8AM |
| 7 Honey Do | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 Kick Tire Georgie Boy 1101 S Missouri Ave Eat at 6 PM Meet at 7 PM | 12 | 13 Ybor Cuban Cigar Factory Tour then Columbia Restaurant RM 2:30 PM See E mail for Details |
| 14 Mother's Day | 15 Breakfast Ride RM 8 AM | 16 | 17 | 18 Chapter Gathering Country Skillet 2839 Roosevelt Blvd Eat at 6 PM Meet at 7 PM | 19 | 20 Honey Do |
| 21 Leap Frog Ride 9 AM RM | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 Kick Tire Hibachi Buffet 7610 49th St Eat at 6 PM Meet at 7 PM | 26 | 27 Barney's Recruitment 10 AM - 2 PM Country Pizza Inn to follow |
| 28 Chapter Picnic Walsingham Park Shelter 1 Start at 11 AM | 29 Memorial Day Team Meeting Park Royale 7 PM 35th Planning Committee to follow | 30 | 31 | Chapter Golf meets each Thursday AM at Chi Chi's 3030 McMullen Rd. Tee Time 7 AM | | |



Special Days

May

Birthdays

5/01 Jack Holzer
5/19 Essie Zgorzelski
5/20 Janet Holzer
5/22 Bob McCarty
5/23 Ken Hale
5/29 Margie Miller
5/31 Kathy Jackson



Anniversaries

5/01 Tracy & Sharon Dunn
5/04 Gene & Barb Henry
5/05 Edgar & Marcia Schulz
5/07 Joe & Patty Traylor

June

Birthdays

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



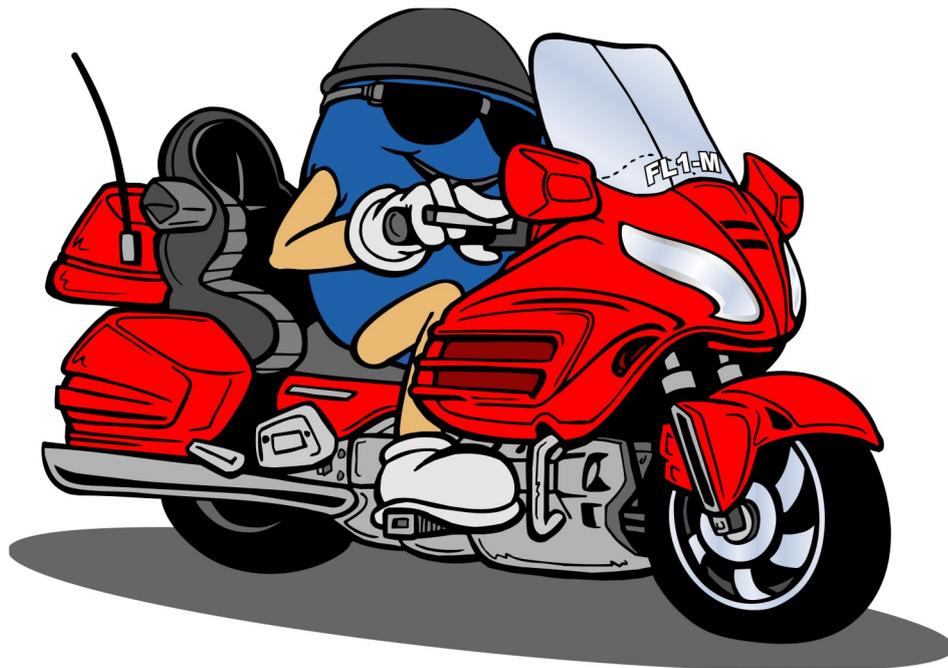
Anniversaries

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

2017 FLORIDA AND REGION A GWRRA EVENTS



| | | |
|----------------------|---|------------------------|
| Apr 29 | FL1-K Rally "Just Another Day in Paradise" | Flagler Bch, FL |
| May 5-7 | South Carolina District Rally | Beaufort, SC |
| May 18-20 | Alabama District Rally | Mobile, AL |
| 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 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 or call Sharon or Tracy Dunn, Database Coordinators, at 727-544-2961. Help us keep our records up to date. Thank you!

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PUBLIC RELATIONS:

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