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Director's Corner

I would like to start of this month's newsletter by welcoming our newest members Rodney and Julie. Also, I want to give a big THANK YOU to all those who came out to ride with us on Saturday, January 23rd. We had a total of 32 motorcycles and 53 riders for the event. Although we did not capture the plaque, we logged over 8100 miles for the attempt. I want to specifically mention that FL1-V and FL1-X came up from Jacksonville, Fl to help us. Well done to you all for your efforts

We have several events coming up on the schedule that I hope you all will take part in: February 13th, is the Presidents Day weekend ride to Ft. Pierce, Fl. This is a great 3 day getaway, and there is still time to get involved if you would like. We will conduct our annual Coffee Break on Feb 27th & 28th at the south bound rest stop on I-95 just north of Brunswick. On March 18-20 we have the Irish Getaway & Campout in Dublin, Ga. This year we will be supporting FL1-V and their "RIDE FOR KIDS" on April 18th in Jacksonville, Fl. Our Chapter Pic Nic and Camp Out will be held at Laura S. Walker State Park on the weekend of April 24th. That only takes us through April.

Once again, I want to thank you all for the support that you have given to Cheryl and me. Remember, this is your Chapter and we want you to have fun, If you have any ideas on how we can improve doing things or there are things you want to do, please let us know Until next time: Ride Safe / Have Fun. Gary & Cheryl

2010 Georgia District Staff

GA Dist. Director's Carlos & Dee Lozano	Dist. Rider Educator's Tommy & Vicky Martin	GA Traveler's Plaque GA-S Winder, GA February 13, 2010 Sweetheart Poker Run 10:00 PM - 2:00 PM See events page for more details
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February News



**Annual
President's Day
Weekend Getaway**

**Mary Ann Moody February 4th
Sabrina Smith February 7th
Ben Goff February 28th**

Pardon me, I forgot to wish
De Clark
Happy Birthday January 14th
HAPPY BIRTHDAY DE!!

When: Depart Saturday February 13th
Return Tuesday February 16th
Destination: Ft. Pierce, FL
Lodging: Royal In Ft. Pierce
222 Hernando St.
772-672-8888
reservations@royalinnbeach.com



For more information, contact Jesse or Brenda Tuten.
Please let them know you have made reservations so you
will be included in the departure e-mail information.



Barry Moody - Recovering from
Knee Surgery. We hope that you
heel soon our friend!



Kingsland, GA

GA- K Annual Coffee Break

February 27th & 28th
Serving Coffee 7:30 AM - 1:00 PM
REST STOP I-95 Southbound Exit 39- 40
2010 Bike Week Brochures
Rider Safety Information
Motorist Awareness Information
Fellowship
FUN

Come on out and meet new folks and see
some that you may not have seen in a while!



GA-S Sweetheart Poker Run "South of the Border - Fiesta"

When: February 13, 2010
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Where: Midway Christian Church
1406 Hog Mountain RD. (HWY. 53)
Winder, GA 30608
Even Pin for 1st 120 (pre-registered)
Meal
Prizes
Games
Live Music
Contact Ken or Traci Thrasher at
(706) 310-1041 for more information

EVENTS PAGE

February 6th - Dinner ride. Up The Creek - 9734 Crosshill Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32222 (904)908-4250
Meet - Exit 1 Hess Station @ 4:00 PM





February 11th - Chapter Meeting
Aunt B's Eat at 6:30 meet at 7:30

February 13th-16th - President's Day
Trip Ft. Pierce, FL

February 23rd -
Tire Kicker @ Jack's Bar B-Q
Kingsland Exit 1 Scrubby Bluff Rd.
7:00

February 27th & 28th -
Chapter K Sponsored Coffee Break
for southbound bikers and motorists
during bike week 2010
REST STOP I-95 Southbound Exit 39-40
7:30 AM - 1:00 PM Sat. & Sun.

February 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
		16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	
						



A Note From Your Editor

Love is in the air! I always look forward to this month! Valentine's Day is in it, although everyday is Valentine's Day to me! I am really looking forward to the President's Day weekend trip planned for Ft. Pierce, FL. Gary & I always have a great time on these trips. Thank you Jesse & Brenda Tuten for making all the plans for the event, it is always FUN and memorable! We had a FANTASTIC turn out from Chapter K as well as two of our sister Florida Chapters in the attempt to capture the District Plaque. We can hold our heads up high and proudly say we came in 2nd place! Thank you all that we able to get out there on a cold and cloudy Saturday. The ride was nice, and the fellowship was even better! We will go for it again soon! I have added a page to the back of the newsletter with a couple events that will take place in the upcoming months. Mark you calendar for those dates if possible. I hope that you will come out and join Chapter K as we support Northeast Florida in the Ride for Kids! It is rare that we get the opportunity so close to home to support this worthwhile children's charity. Take Care and Ride Safe, Cheryl

Our Mission:

**To Save Lives Through Quality,
World Class Education.**



Our Slogan:

"Safety is for Life"

“Rain” is a four-letter Word



by Robert Vaughan

One word that can raise the hackles on the neck of any rider is “rain.” Though no one goes out riding just because it’s raining, you do get stuck in the rain at times. What can you do to improve your riding in the rain?

The first things you can do are done well ahead of the first few drops of rain. Much as you hate to think about it, selecting and purchasing a rain suit is something that must be done. A rain suit should serve two purposes. First, it should keep you dry. Second, and equally important, it should increase your visibility. When your evasive maneuverability is reduced by lack of traction, you want to be sure other drivers see you.

Maintaining all your lights also helps you to be seen in the rain. Of course, you keep your lights clean, but have you checked all your lights lately to see if any have burned out? Do you carry any spares with you? Next time you take your bike in for service, why not restock any spare bulbs you might be missing? You should stock spare fuses as well.

The other important part that needs maintaining ahead of time is your tires. Have you looked at them lately? If any of the wear bands are showing, it’s time to replace the tire. One of the major causes of hydroplaning is worn tires. It’s too late to check them after the rain starts falling. The sole purpose of the tread design on a tire is to carry off the water, but it can’t do its job if you don’t allow it enough tread depth to work with.

Hydroplaning occurs when the tires are not in full contact with the road. They ride on a thin layer of water, and sometimes oil, on the road. Hydroplaning occurs frequently in light mist or drizzle.

Proper tread depth and tire pressures, slowing down, and riding in the tracks of other vehicles all help reduce the chance of hydroplaning. The cessation of a sloshing sound, or any decrease in steering or braking may indicate hydroplaning. If this happens, slow down without braking and avoid any sudden moves.

Plan alternate routes in case of rain. Scenic, twisty asphalt roads are a lot of fun when it’s dry. When the rain starts to pour, the scenery turns gray, the turns aren’t nearly as much fun, and the asphalt doesn’t provide the traction you really need. It’s time to look for an alternate route along a duller, but straighter, concrete road.

Once it starts raining, there are still things you can do to increase your safety, if not your comfort. Pull off the road as soon as you find a place to get out of the rain. This gives you a dry place to put on your high-visibility rain suit, and more important, it puts you off the road during the most dangerous first fifteen minutes of rain. When the water first enters the pores of the road, it forces up the oil that has been collecting there. A few more minutes of rain will wash this oil off the road.

Though the main danger of rain is hydroplaning, increasing your following distance, taking curves more slowly, and increasing your scanning distance all help your rain riding.

Riding in the rain may never be pleasant, but it can be safer.



FUN FACTS ABOUT St. Valentine's Day



- About 1 billion Valentine's Day cards are exchanged in US each year. That's the largest seasonal card-sending occasion of the year, next to Christmas.
- Valentine's Day and Mother's Day are the biggest holidays for giving flowers.
- Worldwide, over 50 million roses are given for Valentine's Day each year.
- California produces 60 percent of American roses, but the vast number sold on Valentine's Day in the United States are imported, mostly from South America. Approximately 110 million roses, the majority red, will be sold and delivered within a three-day time period.
- 73% of people who buy flowers for Valentine's Day are men, while only 27 percent are women.
- Men buy most of the millions of boxes of candy and bouquets of flowers given on Valentine's Day.
- In the Middle Ages, young men and women drew names from a bowl to see who their valentines would be. They would wear these names on their sleeves for one week. To wear your heart on your sleeve now means that it is easy for other people to know how you are feeling.
- The Italian city of Verona, where Shakespeare's lovers Romeo and Juliet lived, receives about 1,000 letters addressed to Juliet every Valentine's Day.
- Richard Cadbury invented the first Valentines Day candy box in the late 1800s.
- Alexander Graham Bell applied for his patent on the telephone, an "Improvement in Telegraphy", on Valentine's Day, 1876.
- The oldest surviving love poem till date is written in a clay tablet from the times of the Sumerians, inventors of writing, around 3500 B.C
- Amongst the earliest Valentine's Day gifts were candies. The most common were chocolates in heart shaped boxes.

Valentine's Day Superstitions

- If an apple is cut in half, the number of seeds found inside the fruit will indicate the number of children that individual will have.
- To be awoken by a kiss on Valentine's Day is considered lucky.
- On Valentine's Day, the first guy's name you read in the paper or hear on the TV or radio will be the name of the man you will marry.
- If you see a squirrel on Valentine's Day, you will marry a cheapskate who will hoard all your money.
- If you see a goldfinch on Valentine's Day, you will marry a millionaire.
- If you see a robin on Valentine's Day, you will marry a crime fighter - maybe they mean Batman!
- If you see a flock of doves on Valentine's Day, you will have a happy, peaceful marriage.



White Chocolate Covered Strawberries

2 pints washed and dried strawberries 6 ounces of white chocolate
Place chocolate in top of a double broiler; bring water to a boil. Reduce heat to low; cook until chocolate melts. Grasp strawberries by stem and dip into melted chocolate; place on a wired rack sprayed with vegetable cook-

Upcoming Chapter "K" Fun Events



17th Annual GWRRA
Chapter A2 of Dublin, GA
Irish Getaway & Camp Out

At The Newly Improved Sportsman Club of
Dublin/Laurens County Ga

March 18,19,20th -2010
Grand Prize \$250.00 Cold Cash

Primitive no electric	\$5.00
Tent or RV w/electric & water (sm. Amp.)	\$12.50
Tent or RV 30 Amp Breaker	\$15.00
Tent or RV 50 Amp Breaker	\$17.50

**NO RESERVATIONS
REGISTRATION IS FREE**

The campsites are animal friendly, when animals are on a leash and PICKED up after - BUT, NO ANIMALS PERMITTED IN THE BUILDING - Unless a Service Animal



NORTHEAST FLORIDA
Sunday, April 18, 2010
FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE
4501 Capper Rd.
Jacksonville, FL 32218

Registration opens at 8:00 a.m. and closed at 9:45. The scenic, escorted ride starts at 10 a.m. sharp, *rain or shine!*
FREE beverages, breakfast pastries and light lunch.

After the ride stay for the Celebration of Life program to hear from the local children we help. Award presentations to top fundraisers will follow.

For each \$300.00 you raise, your name will be entered into a drawing for a new Honda motorcycle! (must be present to win).

For more information, call 800-253-6530 or go to www.rideforkids.org
Registration \$35.00 per motorcycle cash, checks and credit card at the event