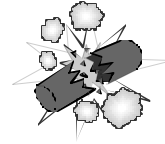




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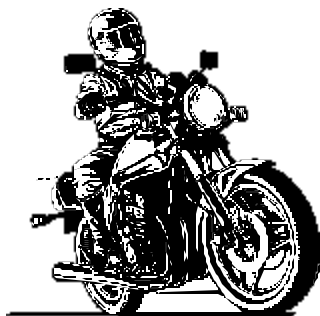


Director's Column

Hey Gang.....

Summer is here!!!! And summer is a great time for taking your motorcycle on a little road trip. And this year will be the Granddaddy of all road trips. Those of you, who are heading to Atlanta, for the kick off celebration for the 100th anniversary of Harley-Davidson, know what I mean. The celebration begins on July 19th in Atlanta GA. From all of the information I've seen, this will be the ultimate party. There will be a parade consisting of a motorcycle with two riders from each HOG chapter. They are trying to get a representative from every HOG chapter from all over the world. I know you wouldn't want to miss out on this. The riders who will represent the Gainesville FL HOG chapter are John and Ann Hudson. I know they will make us proud. There will also be a collection of antique and customs Harleys. So if you have an antique or custom Harley, let me know and we'll get you and your bike registered.

We are also pleased to announce that the Gainesville HOG chapter has its very own website. The address is www.gfhog.cjb.net or www.geocities.com/gfhog88/. Check out



this website often, for the latest HOG news.

For all of you who will be traveling over the summer months, please ride safe and have a great time.

Ride safe, Joan



Ladies of Harley News



I am so excited to be the new LOH Officer! I have a lot of wonderful rides planned for the future. Men are always included in the LOH rides, so please don't be afraid to participate in the LOH events.

Unfortunately, for three reasons, there won't be any rides planned for July and August. The first being the weather. For our previous June 2nd ride to The Yearling Restaurant, it was 100 degrees in the shade on my back porch at 3:30pm with the ride scheduled at 4:00pm. Can't say that I blame you all for low attendance. (Four HOG members showed up.) Gary, Patricia, Cecil and I had to dodge a few raindrops as well. July and August are typically tropical months and most of us are hunting cool watering holes of one variety or another at this time of year. The second reason

being, a lot of members are enjoying their vacations. And the third reason being, a general lack of participation from the club as a whole. Look for engines to start heating back up in September though as I have plans for good times to come. In the mean time, if any of you have a suggestion for a Bike Night or Breakfast Ride, or any other activity, please feel free to e-mail me: hdbreeze@hotmail.com or call: 472-4127. Or contact any HOG officer with your suggestions. With over 100 HOG members, surely we can come up with some outstanding activities!

Dianne Everette



Attention HOG Members

HOG members: Is your named spelled correctly? Do we have your correct address? What is your email? Email any corrections and additions to Susan Thrall at links@afn.org. Email addresses are

important – if you are not receiving email from Joan Brewer from time to time, you are not on our email list. Stay up to date and get the latest info – email us your email address!

Keeping Your Cool

by Susan Thrall

Planning on riding your motorcycle to faraway places this summer? Like across the desert? Or through the mountains?

If you are traveling to the Southwest or to Sturgis, you are likely to encounter a variety of landscapes and climate zones. Being dressed correctly will contribute greatly to the enjoyment of your rides. Here are some hints for landscapes that are very different from Florida summer riding.



The Desert: You can be cool riding through desert conditions in the daytime, but only if you wear the correct clothing. It is *not* what you might think – short sleeves, no jacket, and no helmet.

Wearing minimal clothing is guaranteed to make you feel the often over 100 degree temperatures, as if someone were blowing a hair dryer set on hot and high in your face. Turn your body into a mini air conditioner by doing the following. Wet down a long sleeve shirt and wring it out so it is not dripping. Do the same for your “do-rag”. Then don your perforated jacket (make sure the perforations go through the jacket *and* the lining, not just the jacket) and helmet with air vents open. When riding the hot dry desert air will go through the helmet vents and jacket perforations and gradually dry your wet shirt and “do-rag”. As the water evaporates, you will get a strong cooling effect. My husband Grant Thrall and I tried this riding in 106 degree heat and we actually felt cold as the wetness was evaporating. Yes, we

were wearing perforated LEATHER Harley jackets that we had purchased several years ago. Your clothes will dry in about an hour or hour and a half and you will need to rewet them (a good time to stop for something to drink to rehydrate your insides and to take a break.) Yes, people will think you are crazy to be wearing leather jackets, but you will be cool as you ride. Our model jacket is no longer available, but you might check out the new Electra perforated jacket in the Summer 2002 Motorclothes mini catalog.

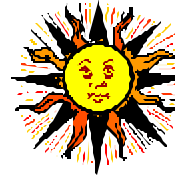
If you can't bear to wear a jacket, at least cover your arms so you are not “rotissering” in the sun. Several companies make sun-screen type clothing that will give you an SPF of at least 30 without greasy lotions or creams. Check out www.sunprecautions.com for a complete line of sun protection clothing. This method will not, however, keep you cool like the above method – it will only protect you from the rays of the sun. (I often wear a perforated leather vest and a long-sleeved, sunscreen shirt when riding in Florida in the summertime.)

(Note: when the sun goes down in the desert, the temperature drops dramatically and quickly. At nighttime you will need extra clothes to keep you warm!)

The Mountains: Are you planning a cool trip to the mountains to escape Florida's heat and humidity? Mountain riding is beautiful but clothing has to accommodate the varying temperatures. You may be in a mountain valley that is

in the 80's and then within a few minutes at the top of a mountain pass where it could be snowing! Layering is the answer. A short sleeve shirt, then one (or several) long sleeve shirt(s), a leather or fleece vest, and a jacket constitute a good set of layers. For legs you can use chaps as an extra layer or a pair of thigh high gators over your jeans. If you get really cold, donning your rain suit should do the trick. Yes, you need to carry a rain suit as the weather can change to rain rapidly as you change altitude. I have ridden where the temperature changed from sunny and mid 80's to below freezing with hail within a 20 minute ride. Carrying a pair of large rubber gloves to fit over your

leather gloves will keep hands dry. My husband Grant has a large bright yellow pair of dishwasher gloves that he puts over his leather gloves. He bought them for \$5.00 at a Navy surplus store. Not only does it keep his hands dry, but the bright yellow increases his visibility in the wet, gray weather.



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HOG Online

The HOG newsletter is now online, along with HOG announcements and other interesting motorcycle links. Check it out at www.gfhog.cjb.net. Important announcements, including event notices or changes that did not make the newsletter deadline, will be posted on the website. Go there often.

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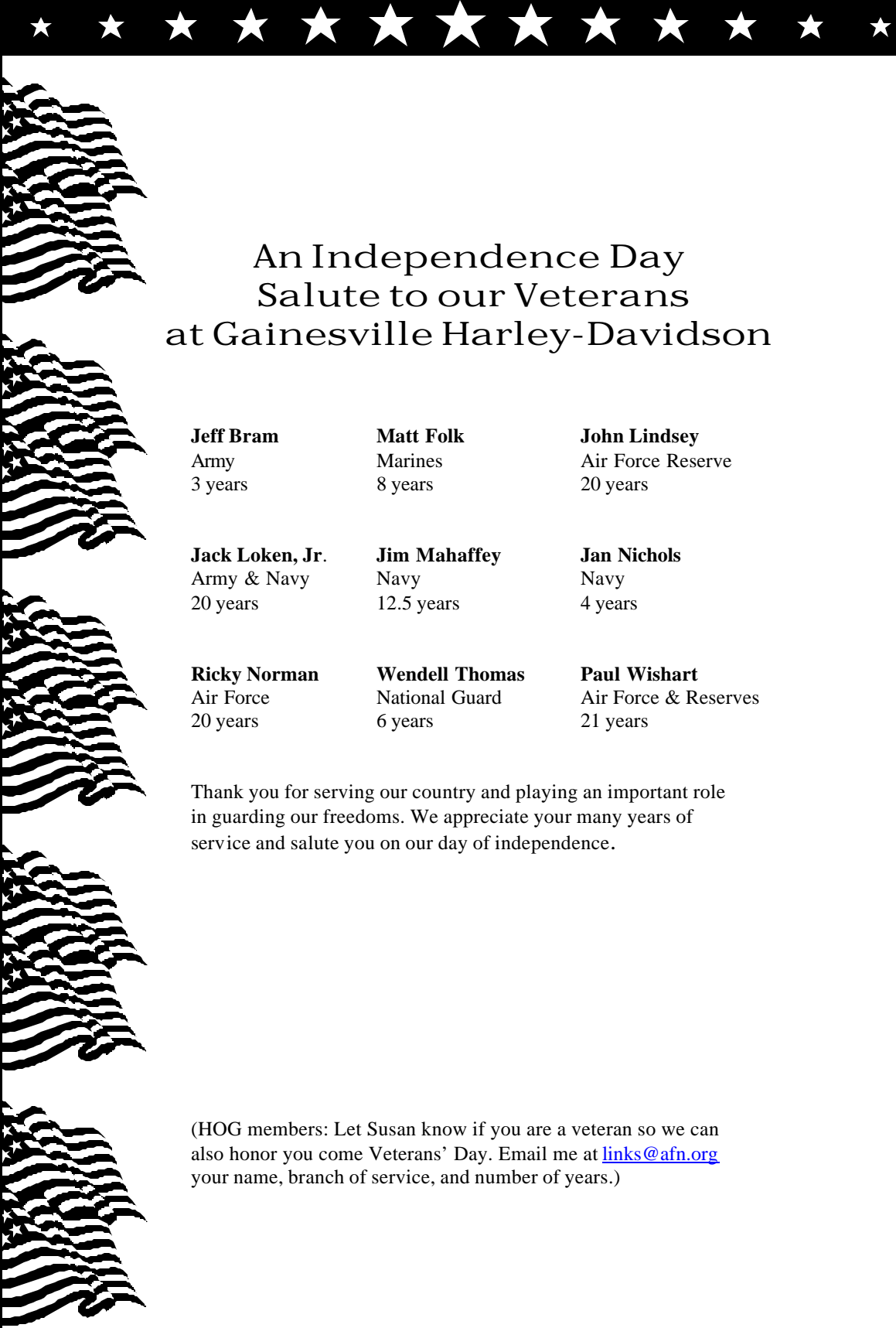
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An Independence Day Salute to our Veterans at Gainesville Harley-Davidson

Jeff Bram
Army
3 years

Matt Folk
Marines
8 years

John Lindsey
Air Force Reserve
20 years

Jack Loken, Jr.
Army & Navy
20 years

Jim Mahaffey
Navy
12.5 years

Jan Nichols
Navy
4 years

Ricky Norman
Air Force
20 years

Wendell Thomas
National Guard
6 years

Paul Wishart
Air Force & Reserves
21 years

Thank you for serving our country and playing an important role in guarding our freedoms. We appreciate your many years of service and salute you on our day of independence.

(HOG members: Let Susan know if you are a veteran so we can also honor you come Veterans' Day. Email me at links@afn.org your name, branch of service, and number of years.)

Gainesville H-D Employee Participates in Rolling Thunder

by Susan Thrall

Jack Loken Jr. of Gainesville Harley-Davidson (see May/June HOG Newsletter for an interview with Jack) has participated in this year's Rolling Thunder parade held over Memorial Day weekend in Washington D.C. Rolling Thunder's purpose is to demand accountability of the government for Prisoners of War and those Missing in Action (POW/MIA) and to let all know that POW/MIAs have not been forgotten. Jack has been participating in Rolling Thunder since 1991.

On May 21st, Jack, along with a friend set off from Ocala, Florida for Washington. His first stop was at Deal's Gap Motorcycle Resort that lies on the North Carolina and Tennessee border. Deal's Gap is a motel and campground specifically for motorcycle riders. Jack reports that near Deal's Gap on Route 129 in the Great Smokey Mountains is a great ride with many twisties. Called the Dragon, the route has 318 curves in 11 miles. Jack and his friend rode the Dragon.

On the second night, Jack stayed in Roanoke, Virginia. From Roanoke, Jack rode to just outside Washington. He stayed the next four nights in Dumfries, Virginia at the EconoLodge where he stays every year.

The Rolling Thunder parade begins in the Pentagon parking lot. People gather there at 10:00 am and the parade begins at noon. Jack reports that there are so many motorcycles there (it was estimated that there were over 200,000 motorcycles) that it may take several hours just to get out of the parking lot. It

took Jack until after 2:00 pm before he was able to leave the Pentagon parking lot and the last bikes out did not leave until around 4:30 pm. The run itself winds through Washington and ends up at the Vietnam Wall monument. Jack said that he visited the Wall several days earlier since it is so crowded on the actual parade day.

When asked what he did in the Pentagon parking lot while he was waiting to leave on the parade Jack replied that he met his aircraft commander from Vietnam so that they could ride together. Also, he said that he tried to help fix an Emergency One fire truck from Alexandria, Virginia that was having some problems. (Jack's other job is working at Emergency One in Ocala).

Various activities are part of the Memorial Day weekend including a candlelight vigil on Friday night; Thunder Alley, an area of vendors; and entertainment on Sunday evening.

Jack tries to ride Rolling Thunder every year. He plans his vacation around Memorial Day weekend so he can participate in the parade. He feels very



strongly, as do others who participate in the parade, that POW/MIAs must be accounted for. He wants people to know that there are many in the US who have not abandoned them. And

he rides to honor his buddies who fought and those who were lost in Vietnam.

Send Us Your Stories and Photos

Have you visited an interesting place or ridden an interesting route on your motorcycle? Do you have a motorcycling adventure you would like to share? Have you found a good restaurant on your motorcycling trip? Do you have a good photo of you and your motorcycle at some interesting place?

Then email your story or photo to Susan Thrall, newsletter editor, at links@afn.org. Your story must be in either Microsoft Word format or text format (no paper copies, please). (If it is part of your actual email message, then it is already in text format.) Your photo must be in .tif or .jpg format. Alachua

Free Net (that's the afn part of my email address) has a limit on size of attached files sent. Therefore, if you are sending more than a couple of photos, it is better to send each one in a separate email. Also, Alachua Free Net sometimes goes down, as do all web servers at some time. If your email is returned as undeliverable, try emailing again a day later.

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Happy

July 4th

**Cherish America and its freedom on
Independence Day!**





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21 HOG Ride to Atlanta; BRAG ride to Cedar Key	22 HOG Ride to Atlanta	23 HOG Ride to Atlanta	24	25 HOG meeting at Dealership 6:30pm	26	27
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