

The Hogtown Lowdown

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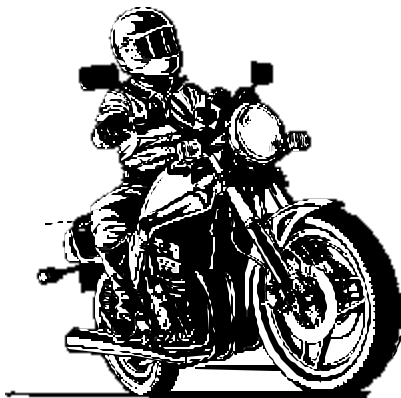
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Director's Column

Hey Gang.

Here it is May already, can you believe it? This year is speeding by.

It was wonderful to see everyone out on the Ray Lytle Memorial ride. I think the turn out was great! The ride through the country was beautiful and the winding roads were fun. I haven't been on curves like that since the last time I was in the mountains. Just wish we had a few hills to climb, so that we could hear our Harleys really work. What a great sound.

The summer months are upon us, the weather is getting warm, or should I say "hot", so that means it's way too hot for a day time ride. It's time to start planning an evening ride. So check your calendar and your e-mail for the upcoming date. Any suggestion on where you'd like to see the group ride to? I think we have a few votes for Floyd's Diner in High Springs.

There have been a couple of changes in the officers for your HOG chapter. I'm pleased to announce that your newsletter has come to you by way of your new editor, Susan Thrall. I think Susan will do a tremendous job. If you have anything interesting, you think everyone one would like to read, please submit the information to Susan at links@afn.org. Dianne Everett will be your

new LOH officer. So ladies if you have any ideas for rides or events, please let Dianne know. Thank you both for volunteering.

Remember, if you have any suggestions or comments for or about the chapter, please feel free to contact me, or any of the other officers. You can reach me via e-mail at

lizzie@gru.net or by phone at 352 495-3109.

Ride safe. Joan



It's a Family Hoe-Down!

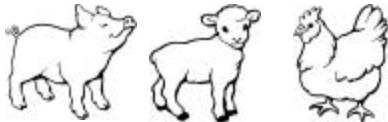


family event – all cowgirls and cowboys are invited.

Come one, come all to the Harley Hoe-Down to benefit the Alachua County Humane Society. The Harley Hoe-Down will be held May 18th, 2002 from 11:00 to 5:00 pm at Gainesville Harley-Davidson. This is a

There will be activities galore including:

- Adoptable Pets
- Live Band
- Ask the Vet Booth
- Kid's Corral
 - Pet Farm Animals

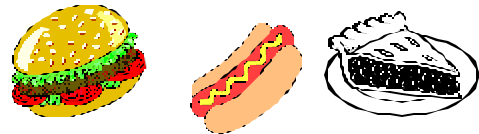


- Face Painting
- Panning for Gold
- Moon walk
- Contests
 - Burlap Bag Races

- Watermelon Eating



- Cake Walk
- Finger Lickin Good Eaten
 - Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Veggie Burgers
 - Kettle Korn
 - Home-Baked Desserts



Join the fun! Don't miss it!



Meet Your Gainesville Harley-Davidson Team

Meet Jack – Jack Locken Jr. Jack has been part of the Gainesville Harley-Davidson team for two years. Jack hangs out at the “annex” selling motorcycles on Friday and Saturday. Jack also builds fire engines full-time at Emergency One in Ocala. Jack is an aerial electrician; he does the electrical work on the big ladders on the fire trucks.



Jack has been riding motorcycles since he was 16. Why did Jack take up riding? Cheap transportation. Then it became fun. Jack’s first ride was a Honda 90, which he made into a hot-rodder. Many years, and many motorcycles later, Jack’s current ride is a 1998 Heritage Softtail. Jack also owns a 1992 Sportster, which he says is a “crash custom.” His Sportster was run over by a drunk driver in a pickup, June 1996. Within two years, Jack will buy a new Heritage Softtail. Why another Heritage Softtail? Jack likes them. Enough said.

Jack grew up in Vermillion, Ohio. Since 1995 he has resided in Ocala because of his

job at Emergency One. For 20 years, Jack was in the military. He has lived all over the US and many international locations as well. International places include Vietnam, Korea, Germany, and Saudi Arabia. At home in the states, he has called home Fort Stewart, Georgia; Hunter Army Airfield in Savannah, Georgia; Fort Hood, Texas; Fort Rucken, Alabama; Fort Eustis Virginia; Fort Carson, Colorado; and Fort Knox, Kentucky.

Every year since 1991, Jack heads out on the Rolling Thunder ride. “Rolling Thunder is a good rally because I was lucky and came back (from Vietnam), and a lot of good people didn’t.” Rolling Thunder supports those still Missing in Action and Prisoners of War (POW/MIA).

Jack has a son, and a new grandson, in Iowa. Jack is unattached, except for his motorcycle. Motorcycles are important force in Jack’s life. And he knows a lot about them.

Looking to buy a new Harley? Talk to Jack.



The Ray Lytle Ride



The Ray Lytle Memorial Ride was held on April 7th, 2002. Several hundred riders attended the ride, gathering at the Gainesville Harley-Davidson Dealership Sunday morning for the 109-mile ride that traversed several neighboring counties. The ride was in honor of the late Ray Lytle, co-owner of Gainesville Harley-Davidson & Buell. Riders of motorcycles of all types were welcome.

The route, planned by Matt Folk of the dealership, showed off the best riding roads in North Central Florida. The ride proceeded north to Suwannee County, near Wellborn and passed through Gilchrist and Columbia counties. The turnaround was at the now famous Bulb Farm Road. Newsletter editor Susan Thrall had been recommended to check out Bulb Farm Road from students at Lake City Community College where Susan works. She had previously organized a small impromptu group of Gainesville riders, and led them to a great surprise: a wonderful riding road waiting to be discovered, near our home base. She recommended the ride to Matt, who then led his Buell brigade to Bulb Farm Road. Matt gave the road two thumbs up, a “road worthy of taking Buell riding up a notch.” Bulb Farm Road displaced all other local rides as Matt’s favorite, and a road worthy of the Ray Lytle Memorial Ride. Matt then planned an excellent route, with the right number of stops, finishing at Fort Slammer in Fort White.

The ride began at the Gainesville Harley-Davidson dealership. When riders arrived, they were divided into three groups. The first group to leave was the fast and furious “Buellies” and Sportster riders. My group of

about fifty big Harleys were intended to ride with the Buell and Sportster group, but decided to ride at a slower pace. My husband Grant Thrall volunteered me as the leader since I had previously led a ride to Bulb Farm Road. So, now there were four groups.

Eeeeeek! I know Columbia County back roads pretty well – but Gilchrist and Suwannee counties... And double Eeeeeek - I had never led such a large group before. Anyhow ours was a spirited, adventuresome group of riders, so down the road we traveled with me as leader.

Two of the four groups completed the ride: the first group comprised of Buell/Sportster riders, and mine. The other two groups either wanted to get on directly to Fort Slammer, or having missed a turn and becoming lost, headed straight to Fort Slammer. Or, were they just wussies when faced with a 109 mile ride? We won’t know until the Ray Lytle Ride next year.

The route offered beautiful countryside with purple and pink wildflowers; bucolic views of cows grazing in the pastures; the challenge of Bulb Farm Road’s twisties; great weather; almost no traffic; and the camaraderie of people who love to ride and who came out to honor Ray. Ray would have loved this ride.

Here’s to you Ray.



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			1	2	3	4 Mother's Day Sale
5 Mother's Day Sale	6 Mother's Day Sale	7 Mother's Day Sale	8 Mother's Day Sale	9 Mother's Day Sale	10 Mother's Day Sale	11 Mother's Day Sale
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 Hoe-Down
19	20	21	22	23 HOG meeting 6:30 pm	24	25 Memorial Day Shop Closed
26 Memorial Day Shop Closed; Rolling Thunder	27 Memorial Day Shop Closed	28	29	30	31	

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2	3	4	5	6	7	8 Hot & Nasty, Down & Dirty Bike Wash & Maintenance Products Sale
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 Construction Tent Sale	21 Construction Tent Sale	22 Construction Tent Sale
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	1	2	3	4 Shop closed	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19 HOG Ride to Atlanta; H-D 100th Celebration and HOG Sale	20 Summerfest H-D 100 th Celebration & HOG Sale
21 Summerfest H-D 100 th Celebration & HOG Sale	22 Summerfest H-D 100 th Celebration & HOG Sale	23	24	25	26	27
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