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(386)456-0517 — Business @ 3:30 PM, Eat @ 4:30,

Among Friends by Jim & Kim Abrams



This is our first month as your chapter director's. Our vision for the chapter is to continue being a visible presence in the community. We hope to continue showing the positive side of motorcycling. GWRRA's motto is "Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge" We want each and every one of you to be proud to be members of GWRRA as well as Chapter FL1-G. We hope to make our chapter something that you would love to share with others. We also want to thank everyone that has joined the staff and all the support you guys have given us. Please feel free to talk to us at anytime with your ideas. We welcome them.

August has been a month to remember!!! Between the torrential rains and hurricane Charley I don't think we'll forget this real soon. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all the victims of hurricane Charley. I'm extremely happy to announce that everyone in the chapter survived and most of us with very little damage. I think all of us now have electric again. It's amazing how spoiled we get. What a reality check.

I want to thank Carlos & Anna for hosting

the fix it day last month as well as stepping up to take the position of ride coordinator for us. I personally went to Carlos, intending on doing nothing to my bike but instead fixed several little things He also fixed several things on Kim's bike. He has such great talent.

Most of our rides got rained out this month however on the 22nd we went to Flagler pier for breakfast and Bob led us home via Tomoka Woods. Little did we know that we would be swimming most of the way. I'm happy to say that we all took it in stride. Carlos even patted Bob on the back and thanked him for the swim. What a guy !!

Bob had severe kidney stones last month and had to have surgery to fix it. We're glad your feeling better. He hasn't had a coke in weeks!! Keep up the good work. Pam is out of the hospital and recovering at home now. We hope your well soon.

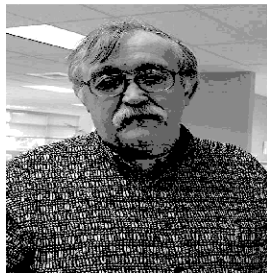
Kim & I are looking forward to the Trail of Tears ride Sept 18th. There are several going up with us. This is a long overdue mini vacation for us. If anyone else is interested in going please see Kim and we'll try to get hotel accommodations set up.

We are hoping next month holds better weather and cooler temperatures, as well as fun, friendship and more enjoyable riding.

Until next time "Thanks For The Friendship"

Jim & Kim

Mouse Trax by Garland



Well, we are Official now. FL1G.org is the new home to our Chapter's webpage. Each and everyone of us need to go visit the site. There are many things we can do – I just need ideas from you guys.

One of the things I want to do is have a Bulletin Board for our use. There other things that we can get that are free or very inexpensive – once again your ideas are needed

We need pictures of rides, we need pictures of folks doing what Wingers do best – go places and have a good time.

So if you have a Digital Camera be sure to take it with you next time you go for a ride, take a few shots of the ride and email them to me at my home email addy – flbam-aboy13@yahoo.com send them in a small format and we will try to publish them on the site.

The Web Site will be in a constant state of change.

At the request of our new CDs I have inserted a page called "News Flash" this is the second page viewed. I will try to keep it updated with fast changing news items that we need to know. If you have a "News Flash" run it by Jim or Kim Abrams for their approval and they will let me know.

I hope everyone has a chance to visit the site and once again – PLEASE send me ideas and suggestions for the page.

Remember while I may be the Webmaster – the webpage is OURS.

Garland

YOUR COMFORT ZONE

Bob & Barbara Groff, FL District

While scanning the newsletters recently I came across an article by **Bill Thomas (FL-1-F2)** where he describes his effort to find a "comfort zone" while cruising down the freeway or negotiating a twisting back country road. Then I started to contemplate about other comfort zones we, as riders and co-riders, need to be aware of to enhance the ride.

Personal comfort: Are you properly dressed for the ride? Did you bring extra clothing? Perhaps a light jacket for early morning or late night rides. Since this is Florida and summer time, how about those rain suits for you and your co-rider. Don't forget the comfort stops.

You know how long you can ride without getting antsy. Plan those rest stops well in advance. Drink plenty of fluids and walk around to keep the limbs loose and while you are at it, check that attitude.

Motorcycle riding is supposed to be fun, that's why we ride. You are not worried about the condition of the bike because you did a "**T-Clock**" before you left. Full fuel and empty bladders make for a great start. Leave your problems at home, where they belong. If you are focused on the problem and not the ride you are likely to miss that car creeping out of the hidden driveway. When you screw up on a motorcycle it usually hurts, and at this age it takes a long time to heal. Proper clothing, a good attitude and a properly maintained motorcycle make for an excellent day. Enjoy the ride.

On another matter... I recently noticed a disturbing trend that seems to be catching on. At a chapter meeting recently, a visiting chapter had a number of trikes present. Not unusual except that there were a lot of trikers riding "*au natural*". I don't mean buck naked and barefoot (although they might as well have been) but lacking even a minor concession to proper riding attire. Sandals, shorts, T-Shirts, and most appalling, **no helmets!**

For some strange reason that baffles me, trike riders seem to feel that being on a trike affords them invincibility against accidents. How did this rumor start? Granted, riders are not likely to "fall" off the bike but they can be thrown off the trike during a crash. Making head contact with an object or the pavement can and does happen to people, whether they ride a motorcycle, a trike or a scooter. We lost a Chapter Director and his spouse a few years ago. Returning from Daytona on their trike, a left turner nailed them. They were not wearing helmets.

I realize that our job as Chapter Educators is not to enforce but to inform. Once given the information, intelligent people can make an informed decision. My personal feelings on this matter are simple. If you will not wear the absolute minimum piece of safety equipment (a helmet) then I don't want you to ride with me. You are a risk taker who not only puts yourself at risk, but me as well. I reserve the right to determine whom I ride with. It is your choice.

Why not play it smart and always wear a helmet. See you

September 2004

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
						8pm PLP Kmart/China Buffet
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
8am Bkfst Ride Majon Jar Eustis	Labor Day		Happy Anniv Joan & Clyde Carter			8am Paisey Inn /Conestoga's Appalachia
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
8am Bkfst Ride Bakely's Winter Park /Banana River			Happy Bday Clyde Carter			
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
8am Bkfst Ride Cracker Barrel Sanford						10am Chapter meeting /Dinner ride after
26	27	28	29	30		
8am Bkfst Ride Flagler Pier/ St Augustine		Happy Anniv Phil & Linda Stagg				

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