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Terri Kozlowski, GA-D - Winner of the Rally Flyer/Shirt Contest

August

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- FL2-H (Daytona Beach)
- FL1-L2 (Wesley Chapel)
- FL2-B2 (Sarasota)
- FL2-F (Punta Gorda)

If your Chapter plans on visiting,
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**Southeast Region "A"
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September 15-17 2011**



Florida has Registration & Indoor
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Region A Rally/Convention

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Well, the heat is on! Not only is it summer but also time for another newsletter article. I believe each month is "burning up" faster as the year progresses! Even our northern friends are having a scorching season. Honestly, we hope you are having a great summer and having FUN whatever you are doing!

Talking about "hot" - how about Wing Ding 33? Was that not a great time? For those that missed it, you certainly should plan to make 2012. It is to be held in Ft. Wayne, Indiana July 4-7. We have never made a Wing Ding at this location, but we hear it is great and that they even have more hotel space available. Also, at Wing Ding 33 a new Chapter of the Year was formally recognized and we're proud to say a Florida Chapter retained the CHOY banner! FL1-L2, Wesley Chapel, had front area seating along with the outgoing CHOY, FL1-H, Daytona Beach. Daytona has carried the banner proudly and we're sure Wesley Chapel will do the same.

As most of you are aware GWRRA's Membership numbers are down. You all (that's y'all in the South) are doing a great job at Recruiting New Members but the Expiring Memberships are going out the back door. Many of our Chapters have MEC's and each month they are contacting the New Members in their area from the Area Run List they receive from the District. If a Chapter does not have a MEC the CD gets this report and should be contacting the New Members. Bruce Griffing, ADD & MEC for the District, is doing a fantastic job at getting this information to the Chapters. In January and July, Full Area Run Lists are provided to the Chapters. This is an excellent tool to grow your Chapter by seeing who is new and what Memberships are expiring or have expired. Let folks know who you are, what GWRRA is all about, and get them involved in the FUN your Chapter is having. Critical to growth is getting the New or Prospective Members engaged from the beginning...making that contact to say "hello" and providing them information about what's available locally with your Chapter. We are going to tweak this system some and all the ADD's will become more involved in the process of the Area Run List - Recruiting and Retention. Some ADD's are already doing this and we will just become uniformed around the District. CD's we encourage you to seek out someone for your Chapter MEC - thus making one less report you are doing, but also making New Members to GWRRA feel we want them to attend our FUNctions!

August is always a hot and sometimes wet month. So, if your riding is affected by the elements, remember we still can travel, visit, and have FUN on four wheels!

Don't forget the Region A Rally/Convention is going to be here before we know it. If you haven't already made plans to attend, please do! The weather should be "cooler" by then and Eufaula, AL has some great riding areas.

Remember the main thing is to have FUN and everything else will work out!

See ya!

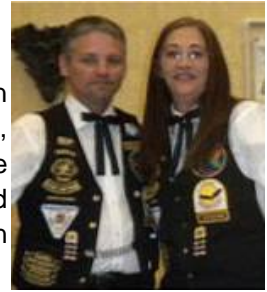
Bill & Gina Berry
District Directors

Florida's # 1 Rule
Have FUN!



GWRRA Training

While attending Wing Ding 33, we participated in the Leadership Training Open Forum on Friday morning. The Open Forum was for Region & District Trainers, Leadership Training Instructors, and any GWRRA Member that wanted to attend. The forum provided an opportunity for the International Director of Leadership Training and Assistants to give an update of where the program is currently at and what is coming in the future.



Paul Brosher (Director LTP) opened the forum and discussed the new training that will be coming out later in the year. The new training, called "Target Training", will be designed to provide Chapter Directors and Assistants, Treasurers, Rider Educators and Membership Enhancement Coordinators not only descriptions of the position but how to successfully complete the position. The first focus of this training will be at the Chapter level. The advantage of this training is that not only will it help those currently holding these positions but it will also help those who are considering stepping into a position, or who want to know more about a position. The training will be available to all Members in two ways. The first way will be in the traditional form of seminars. The advantage to receiving this (or any) training in a traditional form is there will be Instructors available to answer questions. This form of training also allows for more interaction with others and brings more discussions. The second way Target Training will be available is online. That's right; any GWRRA Member will be able to access the training via the web.

Next, Ed Nahl (Assistant Director), talked about GWRRA training overall. The Directors of Leadership Training, Rider Education and Membership Enhancement have agreed to move training in GWRRA towards the future. GWRRA is moving forward with the GWRRA University. The University will be a single source for all training within GWRRA. All training material will fall under one umbrella for Instructors/Presenters to obtain the material. Another benefit to the University is that all seminars will be updated and version control will be maintained. This will benefit Instructors across GWRRA because everyone will have the latest and greatest seminars. For current Instructors/Presenters, it will be easier to certify to become an Instructor/Presenter in any of the areas.

Overall, there was a lot of good discussion during the Open Forum. Another benefit for us was meeting people that we had not previously met and exchanging ideas with everyone.

Training in the future is getting more exciting all the time. The Director of GWRRA feels this way and you can read about it in the August edition of Wing World.

This month we have another OCP scheduled for the weekend of August 20th & 21st. It is not too late to register for the class. If you are interested, do not hesitate to contact us.

Until Next Month, Be Safe Out There!

Rick & Madalena Buck
District Leadership Trainer

Reminder
OCP August 20th & 21st
Contact Rick & Madalena at
rmbuck@tampabay.rr.com or (813) 943-5231

Judy & I just returned home from a twelve-day trip to Wing Ding, Ohio, and Mississippi spanning some 2800 miles. We met many friends and family. We had an absolutely grand time both at Wing Ding and with our family in Ohio.



Wing Ding at least to us, was about as perfect as it could be! There were lots of vendors present...if you wanted it, they had it. All the GWRRA Riding Courses and seminars were available Wednesday through Friday including four new seminars (Going, Going, Gone, Riding with New Riders, Riding in the Heat, and Dealing with the Elements). If you took part in any of the Riding Courses or seminars, you were immediately taken to the Rider Education booth. Once there, the new National Database was updated so that you could stay current or move up in the Levels program. In addition to all this, at Closing Ceremonies they gave away over fifty thousand dollars worth of products to include a brand new 2012 GL 1800 Gold Wing and a Hannigan trailer. All in all, I'd say Wing Ding 33 was a huge success.

During all my comings and goings around the convention center, I observed literally hundreds of Riders and/or Co-Riders, riding in shorts, sleeveless tops, flip-flops, and sneakers and going gloveless along with a host of other gearless ways. It seems that they all feel that nothing can happen to them so why wear the gear. Guess what, it did happen at Wing Ding to one unfortunate couple on a trike. No, it wasn't their fault but it still happened and almost right at the Convention Center. It comes back to the old saying...it isn't if, it's when! The reason I mention this is that as an Educator, I feel that in some way we have let our Members down by not promoting and stressing the importance of proper gear, all the time no matter what the weather. I encourage all the Team Members starting at the International level right down through the Regions, Districts, and Chapters to lead the way by dressing for the ride with **All The Gear All The Time!** Leading by example just might rub off on some of our Riders & Co-Riders. Remember if you're going to talk the talk, you need to walk the walk. So lets all get out there and put forth a great Team effort and save some lives.

Till Next We Meet, Keep the Shiny Side Up and the Rubber On the Road.

Don & Judy Danbury
Senior Master Tour Riders
Senior Florida District Rider Educator



Gold Wing Raffle Tickets are available!

Sun Sports Cycle & Watercraft, Inc. of Ft. Myers, FL, along with the Florida District, has agreed to be the Sponsor of the Gold Wing Raffle Grand Prize give away

If you need tickets contact your Chapter or District Rider Educator

Hello Again Everyone!

Mid-July is here...Heat, Humidity & Rain. Wing Ding has come and gone and what a great time it was! GWRRA's first visit to Knoxville, TN since we've become Members (1992). Mary & I thoroughly enjoyed our trip, except for the heat on the ride to Knoxville. We only received minimal rain which was almost welcome for short intervals, and a good drenching as we arrived at the host hotel.



Wing Ding was again a great event! We had the opportunity to renew many old friendships and to visit with GWRRA Members from around the world. As was expected, attendance numbers were down, but those delegates who were there enjoyed a great variety of vendors and some good food available on site. The nice thing about this site was that with the exception of a few vendors and Rider Educations Field Activities, all events were on site. We didn't have to travel across town for Opening & Closing Ceremonies or other events. We spent the 4th of July mingling with the local folk at the Worlds Fair Park where there was music and local food vendors throughout the afternoon and early evening while waiting for the fireworks.

Florida Members manned the Ticket Sales booth and the Poker Run table throughout the day Thursday & Friday and did a great job! After leaving Wing Ding, Mary and I, along with our friends from New York, rode to New York for a short visit before heading home. The bike and trailer performed flawlessly throughout the trip. But, as always, it was great to get home too.

Wing Ding XXXIV 2012 will be held in Fort Wayne, IN. We have made our reservations. Hope you will do the same.

We didn't get to visit with many of you during the month of July, but we will be getting out and around the rest of this month and in August and hope to see as many of you as possible.

Don't forget the Region "A" Rally/Convention which is rapidly approaching. Com'on out and join us in Eufaula, AL September 15th - 17th for another good time!

Our thanks go to all of you for your continued support of GWRRA.

We will continue to attempt to keep you abreast of things that are happening in our area. Hope to see you all soon!

Bruce Griffing & Mary Haight
Assistant District Directors, Southwest
Membership Enhancement Coordinators

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Wing Ding is behind us and next year it will be in Ft. Wayne, IN and in 2013, it will be in Greenville, SC.

We attended Wing Ding in Knoxville from July 6-9. While there, we rode the "Dam" ride and visited three dams, the Tellico Dam, Ft. Loudon Dam, and Watts Bar Dam, which also has a nuclear plant. We had a nice lunch with entertainment and on the way back, we stopped at the Sweetwater Valley Cheese Farm and sampled some cheese (and bought some, of course). We made some purchases from the vendors and attended the Women's Expo at Chillowee Park, which also had demo rides and the bike show. Our own Doc Vann from Milton took first place in his category (Stallion).



On Thursday, we volunteered at the Rider Education table to sell tickets for the Hannigan trailer that was given away at closing ceremonies. That night, we attended the Barbecue Dinner and entertainment by Johnny Counterfeit. He was very funny and it was a good time. On Saturday morning, we attended the Master's Breakfast where Region A came home with some Rider Education awards. On Saturday afternoon, we took a ride up to the observation deck of the 1982 World's Fair Tower and saw some beautiful views of the city of Knoxville. We got caught in the rain several times but mostly the riding was cool and not too hot. It was Fun seeing old friends and making new ones.

If anyone has any questions as to the Motorist Awareness portion of the N6 form, please let us know. We need to receive them either monthly or quarterly, whichever is easier for you. We have to turn the information in to the Region A Motorist Awareness Coordinator quarterly so we need all three forms by the end of the last month of the quarter. Chapter Directors, you can send us this form or have either your MAD Coordinators or your Rider Educators send a copy of this form to us. We need a copy of the report whether or not there was any Motorist Awareness activity or not.

Don't forget that the Region A Convention will be September 15-17 in Eufaula, AL. We hope to see everyone at a Rally or Convention soon.

Ride safe!

Nate & Danelle Kinion
Assistant District Director, Panhandle
Motorist Awareness Coordinator

We hope everyone enjoyed Wing Ding! We know our wallet came back a lot thinner. The mountain air was wonderful, cool, and crisp. We spent quite a bit of time in 62-degree weather in the mountains during our rides.

We had a few weird mishaps like birds trying to land on the rider in front of us. Don't laugh, the ball of our trailer hitch unscrewed itself from the bolt and fell off. Who knew a trailer hitch was screwed into a bolt. Thankfully, the chains did their job. Nothing like hearing that grating noise, seeing your trailer swerving and sparks flying to get your attention. Luckily, we were with a great group of friends. One laid out a tarp so we could sit on the side of the road in comfort and one went to the town we just passed through and got another trailer hitch (not the screw kind). Within an hour, we were back on our way. We only had a few minutes of rain our entire trip.



It's almost the end of July and we are half way through the fiscal year. Everyone should be half way through the yearly fiscal paperwork. If you have any issues so far, please contact us. It's so much easier to fix it now than at the end of the year. If you have any questions what so ever please let us know.

We hope all the Couple of the Years are doing well and enjoying their tenure. Chapter Directors might want to start looking around for whom they would like to honor next year with that position.

Be well and ride often!

Jim & Rebecca Iverson
District Treasurers
Couple of the Year Coordinators

Well, here we are, just over halfway through the year already! It seems to me like New Year's Day was just a week or so ago.



We are doing great with the Visitation Program, even though we are in the slow part of the year for Chapter events. Visiting other Chapter Gatherings is always a "hoot", so keep that going. The latest Visitation tallies are in and here are the results for second quarter: The top 6 Chapters are:

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| 1. FL2-G (Ft Myers) | 3,925 Points |
| 2. FL1-K (Palm Coast) | 2,745 Points |
| 3. FL1-A (Tampa) | 2,725 Points |
| 4. FL1-H (Daytona) | 2,360 Points |
| 5. FL2-A (West Palm Beach) | 2,145 Points |
| 6. FL2-D (Melbourne) | 1,956 Points |

Keep collecting those Visitation sheets and remember to send your third quarter submissions to me by October 10th.

Also, I need to send a gentle reminder to make sure your Chapter has plenty of flyers for the 2012 Wing Gathering next March. Keep reminding everyone of the cash savings with preregistering and encourage them to sign up early.

Until next time, keep smilin' and I'll be looking for ya' at an event soon.

Cliff Hotchkiss
Assistant District Direct, Central

Wing Ding

I guess the District Officers who attended Wing Ding will be writing about it so why should we be any different. We were assigned to assist at the International Rider Education and Motorist Awareness tables. However, we did get to see a number of our District Officers and Members who were helping with ticket sales. Our tables were situated in such a manner that all the Members attending who wished to frequent the vendors had to pass by. Because of this, we were able to visit with many of the GWRRA friends we have been fortunate to make in the 9 years we have been Members. Over 12,000 attended Wing Ding this year!



Knoxville was a very friendly and welcoming city! We enjoyed some restaurants and shops. As a matter of fact, we purchased an enormous stuffed tiger that we have named Buster in honor of one of our favorite striped cats of the past. We took the tiger to dinner with us and he got a lot of attention since he is so life-like. Fortunately, he didn't eat any of the patrons so we didn't have to destroy him. Next years Wing Ding will be in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Apparently, the last time Wing Ding was held there, it set an all-time record for attendance. I expect its great central location may have contributed to that fact.

Have Fun, Be Safe

Joe and Gracie Mazza
Assistant District Directors, West Central

Have you ever Dropped Your Bike? Yes? No? Almost?

The following was taken in part from the June 2011, FL1-X (Orange Park) Chapter Newsletter. Original article by Jeff Cox, Assistant Chapter Rider Educator.



If you are alone, will you be able to pick up the bike by yourself? There are various videos on the proper technique for righting our 800-pound gorillas. Your Gold Book has pictures...on page II-15.

Dropping your bike can be a traumatic (and sometimes embarrassing) experience. Your adrenaline kicks in and your first instinct is to grab both grips and “muscle” it up. The first thing you should do is turn off the bike using the cut-off or ignition switch and turn off the gas if necessary. Step back from the bike and take time to calm down and assess the entire situation. Are you injured? Do you have pre-existing health problems that prohibit you from attempting to lift the bike? What condition is the bike in (is it spilling fluid/gasoline)? What is the traffic situation? Do you have a solid surface to lift from (is there gravel, wet pavement or are you next to a ditch)?

The answer to all these questions will help you determine if you should lift your bike or call someone for assistance. If you decide to lift your bike, please remember and practice the following steps:

If the motorcycle is lying on its right side, Put the side stand down and put the bike in first gear. Get around on the topside of the bike; crouch down facing away from it, and place your back and hips right up against the saddle.

1. With your left hand, grab the right hand grip and pull it as close to the tank as possible.
2. With your right hand, find something sturdy to grab under the seat). It’s best if you keep this hand close to your body. You should now have a solid grip on the bike with both hands.
3. Keeping your back straight and your head up, plant your feet firmly and slowly start taking small backwards steps, all the while pushing back and up against the seat. Let our legs do all the work to void back injuries.
4. Ease the bike on the side stand.

If the motorcycle is lying on its left side, the process is the same, except you won’t be able to put the bike in gear or put the side stand down before you begin. And, of course, your hands are reversed...your right hand will be on the grip and your left hand will be grabbing something under the seat. Once the bike is up, put the side stand down.

Check out the numerous videos available on the internet that demonstrates this technique.

Hope to see you sooner than later!

Geno & Kathie Jette
Assistant District Director, Northeast
District Goodie Sales



Guess what? As of this writing, we are back home. We had originally planned 3-4 more weeks in the Midwest but saw a big heat wave out there so we decided to go where it was cooler. That's right, Southeast Florida! It is cooler here than in the Northeast part of the USA! We saw many of you at Wing Ding 33 in Knoxville and we got room reservations for next year, 2012, in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Hopefully we all will be able to make it. They also announced the 2013 Wing Ding would be in Greenville SC! Cheryl and I are looking forward to that one also! We like Greenville a lot. Now back to our story.



We arrived and set up camp in Yosemite National Park. The next day we rode to the Visitors Center. The park is so popular and big that you park in a lot and wait for a shuttle to take you to the center. Shuttles take you everywhere there is civilization. Of course, you can walk but you would spend all your time walking from point A to point B. After lunch, we went to Yosemite Falls (via shuttle) and Cheryl and I walked the paved path to the base. There were several people walking in the river and under the falls. We didn't go in but continued around the path loop. Toward the end of the path, a 200-pound black bear came down out of a tree and came very close to us on the path! He was just walking the path toward the falls but got spooked by more people exiting and ran into the woods. The folks who spooked him never saw him.

The next day, we decided to cut our visit to the park short due to bad road construction in the south part of the park where the Sequoia trees are. It would have been dangerous for motorcycling there. We started to prepare breakfast and pack up when a 300 + pound brown bear decided to enter our campsite looking for food! We slammed our stuff in the Bear Box (metal boxes at the campsites that keep bears out of the food) and ran for the cameras. Several people were yelling at the bear for it to leave and trying to scare it away but he had a routine. He would look at the people and make sure they weren't too close and continue on his path he had obviously done many times before checking picnic tables and bear boxes at each campsite for a possible breakfast. After he left us, you could hear people yelling at him from all different parts of the campground. As we were leaving, we were held up in traffic due to the bear blocking the road and people stopping to run him off. It was a bit nerve racking sitting in traffic on the bike and a large bear 3-4 vehicles away. He eventually went back into the woods. We found out later he was a regular breakfast or dinner visitor at the different campgrounds in the park.

We went out the very scenic east gate of the park and headed to Reno, NV. Once we had cell and data service again, I arranged to have the bike serviced and a new front tire in Reno (thanks Gold Book for the number). We used the GWRRA Benefit with Wyndham Hotels to get a room reservation in Reno. Great Benefit, use it all the time! I rented a car and dropped the bike off at Big Valley Honda. Found out that the GWRRA Nevada District Convention was that weekend! We decided to go that Friday but first we made some rounds to some of the casinos! We also went to lunch the next day at Lake Tahoe. A beautiful area, even in a car! The NV Rally was held at the Sands Casino and we met the new District Directors and ran into the International Couple of the Year, our friends from Texas and the District Directors there, Fred and Mandy Mew! Boy, were we surprised! We met a group at the casinos seafood buffet and had a lot of FUN with our new friends. The next day we returned the rental car, got the bike, packed up and headed east on US Route 50. Labeled as the "Loneliest Road in America"... Next month - How lonely is it?

Bill & Cheryl Smith
Assistant District Director, Southeast

What we did on our Summer Vacation!

Over the last several months, we have been talking about the Couple of the Year Program at the Chapter level. This month we are going to take a break and talk about our Summer Vacation. This year our vacation included seeing family and hanging out with a whole bunch of GWRRA Friends. We left Florida the Friday prior to Wing Ding. Our trip took us to the north Georgia Mountains. We had a great stay for a few days with family. One of the great things about our trip to Georgia was our Nephew was home on leave from the Air Force after completing Boot Camp and his school.



On Tuesday morning, July 5th, we left north Georgia traveling back roads heading to Knoxville to attend Wing Ding 33. We wanted to arrive in Knoxville early enough to watch the International Couple of the Year Selection. Having a great early ride, we arrived in time to get our Registration package, talk with people we had not seen in a while and attend the selection.

We had attended other selections but this was our first as the District Couple of the Year. We were asked if we could pass out programs at the door. We were more than happy to help. Handing out the programs gave us the opportunity to talk with people; some we already knew and many we had never met but now have as friends. We were not disappointed at attending the Couple of the Year Selection. There were 9 couples that made their 5-minute presentation and answered 2 questions. Going into the selection, we had our favorite that we were pulling for. Unfortunately Region A's very own Ron & Becky Lees were not selected but they had a great showing. Kirby & Sandy White (Region D) were selected and will be great ambassadors for GWRRA.

On Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday we had a full schedule planned. Wednesday during Opening Ceremonies, we were honored to accept the 2010 International Chapter of the Year Award for our home Chapter, FL1-L2. We sat up on the stage and received the plaque. Sitting up on stage had one disadvantage though; the sound system speakers pointed toward the audience so we could hardly hear what was said. A few hours later, we sat at the MEC Booth. We volunteered for this to help people who had questions about Membership Enhancement. During the 2 and ½ hours there, we had to talk with no less than 100 people. Some were people we knew but more than half had to be new friends.

We showed up early Thursday morning to volunteer at the Grand Prize & 50/50 Ticket Sales area. Region A had overall responsibility for this area and on Thursday, Florida was in charge of the area. We had a great time not only selling tickets but also talking and interacting with people. We also enjoyed meeting the people who were attending their first Wing Ding. The first timers always had questions they wanted to ask which we gladly would answer. Later in the day, we sat at the Recruiting table. This was another great opportunity to meet people. Of course since most people are new, they not only want to know about GWRRA but how to have FUN. By the end of Wing Ding, over 400 people joined as new GWRRA Members.

On Friday, we attended the Leadership Training Open Forum that we covered in our other article. Our plan was to go riding on Friday afternoon however; the weather did not cooperate so we spent time at the vendors and having a good time checking things out. Saturday morning prior to heading to Closing Ceremonies, we decided to take some time for ourselves and get out and ride. We were staying about 35 miles south of Knoxville, so we were that much closer to outstanding riding. After 260 miles of great back road/mountain riding, we made it back for Closing Ceremonies. Unfortunately, we didn't win any of the big prizes but it was so much FUN.

Even though Wing Ding 33 was much like other Wing Dings, it was so much different. The difference this year was we were also representing the Florida District as the Couple of the Year. We were amazed at how many people came by one of the areas we had volunteered at, stopped us in the vendor area, or as we walked through the Convention Center or caught us outside and just wanted to talk. We would receive congratulations from people or questions about the Couple of the Year Medallions. We truly found out just how much FUN being the District Couple of the Year can be.

Until Next Month, Be Safe Out There!

Rick & Madalena Buck
District Couple of the Year

You will begin to start seeing the new turn signal lighting around Florida called the "Flashing Yellow Arrow". It is a new type of signal, placed over a left turn lane at signalized intersections, where one of the signal indications is a flashing yellow arrow. Other signal indications shown are the green arrow, yellow arrow and red arrow.

Flashing yellow arrows are the result of a national study, conducted by the Federal Highway Administration. This study demonstrated that the new signal indication is: 1) a low cost safety measure to help prevent crashes, 2) moves more traffic through an intersection, 3) provides additional traffic management flexibility, 4) provides a clear distinction between when motorist who are turning left are protected from oncoming traffic, and 5) when they must yield to oncoming traffic.

For more information, visit the website: www.dot.state.fl.us/trafficoperations

From 2009 to 2010 central Florida has reduced Motorcycle fatalities by 34% and statewide by 14%.

August 3rd and 4th, I will be in Tampa certifying as an operator for the motorcycle simulator. This simulator travels the state at major bike events to encourage riding safe and getting a motorcycle endorsement. The simulator also brings awareness to those who do not ride on how a motorcycle operates on the roadways.

On August 9th and 10th, I will be in Jacksonville filming a new Motorcycle Safety Campaign video. This will replace the current one that has been running which shows a car at a stop sign and a motorcycle runs into it. The new video will air around the state beginning first of the year. We hope it will be ready prior to Bike Week 2012.

As you travel around the state and notice safety issues, please send that information to me so I may send in a report to get the problem looked at. One example is, I was able to get the school zone enlarged on Airport Road in Port Orange (by the south entrance to Spruce Creek Fly-In) on the curve to make it safer for the children. I urge you to get involved and help make the roadways safer.

Jim & Linda McGinnis
Motorist Awareness Coordinators, FL1-H



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