



# FLORIDA GATOR TALE

Honda Sport Touring Association

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## North News

Submitted By: Sam Ulbing

Thanks to those members who have helped organize events, recommended restaurants, etc. I greatly appreciate this and think it makes us a more vital club.

**Second Annual Spring Fling** - 7, 8, 9 April 2006 - We have a hotel for the SF, the Quality Inn and Suites, Thomasville, Ga. Jim Park rode with me to scout out the area. Thomasville is about 30 miles NE of Tallahassee with many nice backcountry roads and little traffic. The hotel is reserving more than half their rooms for us until 7 March 2006, a month before the event. The BMW of NE Florida group is joining us. Their club is larger than ours and like us they are active riders so rooms many go fast. I recommend making your reservation early; you can always cancel later if plans change. Hotel Phone: (229) 225-2134. Address: [2801 15138 US Highway 19 South, Thomasville, GA, US, 31757](http://members.cox.net/n4uau/HSTA/RealFlorida.htm). Tell them you are with HSTA. The rate is \$59. More at web page: <http://members.cox.net/n4uau/HSTA/RealFlorida.htm>.

**The April North Lunch Ride** will be part of the event and occur on Friday April 7 at Rhodes BBO in Lake Butler. Good food, low prices and a nice route to Thomasville from there.

**February Lunch Ride 12 Feb noon** - A number of people have responded to my request for ideas on new places to ride and eat. Since both Chuck Headrick and Bob VanderWaag raved about the River Grille, I have decided to change the location

of our Feb lunch ride from Floyds to the River Grille, in Ormond Beach (See events page for details). **NOTE this lunch ride is on SUNDAY not Saturday.** The restaurant has offered to rope off an area so we can park our motorcycles and we will be overlooking the Tomoka River. This promises to be another winner like the Gator Landing and Outback Crab Shack both recommended by members. Keep them coming!! *As always it will be a big help to me and the restaurant if you let me know if you plan to attend.*

**March Lunch ride** - Phil Ridgdill has volunteered to coordinate the mid-week Daytona Bike Week lunch. It will be on 9 March 2006 at 12:00 noon, at Hijacker's Cafe, Bunnell, FL. That is at the airport on Rt100 not far from I-95. I am not planning a regular lunch ride in March but might do a spur of the moment mid week ride if the weather is nice. I will send out emails if I do.

**Experienced Riders Safety Course** - Jim Park has volunteered to see if we can organize an ERC just for our club members. We will need to have 12 people to make it work so think about the benefits of taking the course and when he locates a place I'll send an email notice. He is looking in the central Florida area. Thanks Jim.

**T-Shirts** - I will have placed the order by the time you read this. Please plan to attend an event so I can get them to you. Tell me you are coming as there are too many to bring them all.

This 2 time award winning newsletter is produced and edited by:  
**Bill Royal**  
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If you're "connected" be sure to check out the National HSTA Site at:  
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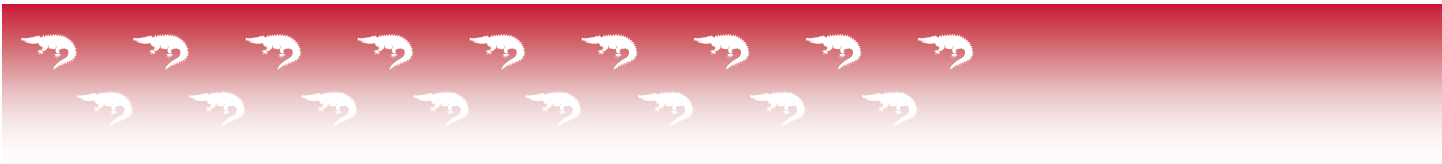
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## Welcome to the Club!

We would like to extend a hearty and sincere welcome to the following recent new members. Thank you for choosing to join our group. Many long lasting friendships have begun here and we hope your experience will be a satisfying one!

Name	Location	Ride	Introduced By
John R French Jr	Boynton Beach	'04 Honda VTX	Jim Park
Steven King	Delray Beach	'05 Honda St1300	HRCA
John Call	Gainesville	'03 BMW R1100S	friend



## Free Ads

Motorcycle related items - wanted or for sale, riding buddies or room mates for events can be placed right here - for free! Just send them to arrive by the 15th for the next month's publication. Send to Bill Royal, 1521 New Bedford Drive, Sun City Center, FL. 33573 or email to [ridefl@flahsta.org](mailto:ridefl@flahsta.org).

### For Sale

**1997 Honda Magna** - Yellow/black, full windscreen, crash bars, luggage rack, sissy bar backrest, 47 mpg, 54K. New chain/sprocket on 08/02/05. \$3500.00. Call 813-633-8155 or email: [ebluesday@mindspring.com](mailto:ebluesday@mindspring.com).

**Tour Master Cortech GX Air mesh summer riding pants.** Women's size small, tag says small 8-10 but this is a very small 8-10. Removable padding, washable, sold as is, great condition. \$80.00 & you pay shipping. Paid \$169.00 new. Pants legs are too short for me, but provide great air circulation for summer riding. Contact me by email: [ebluesday@mindspring.com](mailto:ebluesday@mindspring.com) or phone: 813-633-8155. I can send a photo or bring them to a lunch ride.

**2003 FunMover 35C (toy hauler w / living space)** - Ford F650 / Cat diesel / Allison 6 sp - 8x10 cargo area (2 bikes) - Power lift - Diesel Generator - 1 Slide out - Sleeps <6 - Sat TV - Roof-top observation deck - many, many extras - 37K miles - Ext Warr - Exc Cond - \$93,500. Jim, FL - 352.324.0569 - [jamcclur3@aol.com](mailto:jamcclur3@aol.com)

**Adjustable Hook & Loop Heated Grip pads**, \$30.00 - Phil Ridgill 904 287 9654, [rfoxrdr@bellsouth.net](mailto:rfoxrdr@bellsouth.net)

**2 Michelin Pilot Sport 130/70 ZR-16 tires.** Selling for \$50 each, buyer to pay shipping if your not local.

**1 1996 to 1998 CBR900RR Honda Service Manual** including a parts microfiche CD \$10 buyer responsible for shipping. Contact: Doug Pippin 828-684-8488 or [dpippin5@bellsouth.net](mailto:dpippin5@bellsouth.net)

**KBC Helmet** - FFR Flip Top silver and black.. This helmet is brand new.. I wore it twice and realized that I do not have a KBC head. \$175.00

**Aerostich Tank Panniers** - Brand new, used once.. \$75.00

**Givi T80 Tank Bag** - Magnetic. The bag has a map case and a clear rain cover \$50.00

**Kapa top trunk** for the Suzuki VStrom - Silver color matched for the '02 Vstrom - \$100.00

**Fenda Extenda** for Vstrom - Brand new - never installed - \$20.00

**Stock regular and Tall windshields** for a DL1000 VStrom - \$50.00 and \$75.00 respectively

Larry Fitch at [fitchle@hotmail.com](mailto:fitchle@hotmail.com) or 321-266-8757

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## South News

Submitted By: Bill Royal

Even though it is "winter", here in Florida we are enjoying some of the best riding weather of the year. Cooler temps and minimal threat of rain make for great riding days, even if we do get a little chilly on the occasional day or two a month. January was no exception here. The South lunch ride on the 14th was a tad coolish, and the wind was blowing a very stiff breeze. That may have held the lunch ride attendance down to the 11 riders who made it the Jack's Diner in Frostproof (or was it the full moon?), but every one of them enjoyed the ride that day. P.Van Steelant took the longest distance honors putting 168 miles on his Suzuki Hay-

abusa to make the lunch, with his riding buddy, Dennis Villarose on his BMW K1200LT a close 2nd with 150 miles.



Preparing to depart for home from Jack's Diner in Frostproof

food was great and it always seems like it is all too soon time to

The North lunch ride had a near perfect weather day and it showed in the turnout. 29 riders and one pillion made the ride to Gator Joe's in Ocklawaha, with 6 riders riding in excess of 150 miles to get there. They were Richard Herrington, Courtney Milton, Terry Neiman, Tom Roe, Roger Spice, and Lynnwood Mickler. As usual, the

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Submitted By: Bill Royal

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head back home before you get to chat it up with everyone you want to.

On the subject of the lunch rides, I thought I would share an observation I've made regarding the stats. As you may or may not be aware, we have been slowly, but steadily increasing the membership in the state for the last 2 years. That's good news, but the great news is that where we used to average about a 50/50 split in the lunch ride attendance between members and non-members, that has been

changing such that we are now running an average of 65+% members to non-members attending. That means that more of you are making it out to the lunch rides and that it just outstanding! Thanks for your efforts to participate. We hope to continue the trend by constantly improving with more places to go, more rides, and more fun! Speaking of fun, I do hope that you will all try to make one or more of the regional/national events this year. Our own Spring

Fling is shaping up to be a great weekend so don't miss it. And not too far off behind that is the National event STAR. If you've never been to a STAR, you really need to make an effort to attend. All I can say is I guarantee you the time of your life and the opportunity

to make some great new life-long riding friends. There are several Florida members who are planning on riding out and back so now is the time to throw in if you want to ride along with company. Whether you do that, or ride alone, or even trailer, do not miss out on this fantastic riding opportunity!

If all that is just too far for you right now, there's still plenty left a lot closer to home. Phil Ridgill's

Bike Week lunch is always fun, especially because it draws a lot of out-of-state members who are in town for bike week in Daytona. The Hijacker's Café is a nice place and easy to get to so we hope to see you all there (unless you have to work (ugh!) Hope to see you out on the road. Till next time - Ride Smart, Ride Safe, Ride home.  
Bill Royal



Time to head for Home from Gator Joe's in Ocklawaha

## Upcoming Rides/Events

Ride/Events are compiled for your convenience from a variety of sources. HSTA sponsored rides are indicated with the "♦" symbol. If you are considering making any of the rides we suggest you call the contact ahead of time to confirm the ride is still on as listed.

♦ **HSTA Florida North Lunch Ride - Sunday, Feb 12th - River Grille** - Ormond Beach. Lunch at Noon. Located at 905 N US1 in Ormond Beach (386-615-2004). Approximate GPS: N29 18.290 W81 05.636 (dd mm.mmm) <http://www.rivergrille.net/index2.html>

Future North Rides/Dates: March - See bike week lunch ride April - Friday Apr 7th - Rhodes BBQ, Lake Butler - then ride to Spring Fling

♦ **HSTA Florida South Lunch Ride - February 18th, 2006 - Myakka River Oyster Bar, Venice, FL.** Lunch at Noon. 121 Playmore Dr. GPS: N27 02 36.9 W82 17 40.1" in hddd° mm'ss.s° format. - Phone: 941-423-9616 This is yet another new place for us, scouted out by Jim Park & company. Contact: Bill Royal RideFL@flahsta.org or 813-633-8155

Future South Rides/Dates: March 26th (Sunday) - Jaxson's - Lake Placid April 15th - Paradise Harbor Marina - Howie in the Hills  
May 6th - Flora & Ella's - Labelle June - No ride due to STAR '06

♦ **HSTA Florida Bike Week Lunch Ride - Thursday, March 9th - Highjackers Restaurant, Flagler County Airport, Bunnell FL.** Lunch at 12:00 noon. Location 3 miles east of Bunnell on FL SR100, 1 mile west of I-95 on FL SR100. If you would like any further information, Contact Phil Ridgill, 904 287 9654, 904 699 2447 or rfoxdr@bellsouth.net.

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◆ And all the rest of the HSTA National schedule...

**NOTES: Event schedule is subject to change without notice.** Please be sure to check with the listed contact before making your plans!

For non-HSTA members reading this on the internet, be advised that attendance at these National Events requires HSTA membership. You can join at the event and your event fee gets waived (one time only)!

Date	Event	Location	Contact	Web Address/E-mail
Feb 17-19	Ride the Rio: El Duodecimo	Chisos Mining Co Motel Terlingua, TX 432-371-2254	Dave Gorham 281-996-5043	<a href="http://www.ridetherio.com">www.ridetherio.com</a> <a href="mailto:cycledog@sbcglobal.net">cycledog@sbcglobal.net</a>
April 7-8	T - 18	Queen Wilhemina Lodge/State Park 1933 Hwy 270	Becky Wing 501-824-3413 (h) 501-824-5738 (w)	<a href="mailto:bwing@pgtc.com">bwing@pgtc.com</a> <a href="http://www.hpnt.net/T/T-home.htm">www.hpnt.net/T/T-home.htm</a>
April 28-30	Helen North Georgia Classic	Alpenhof Hotel 15 Yonah Street Helen, GA 800-535-8678	Eric Larsen 770-805-0607 enlarsen@bellsouth.net	<a href="http://bellsouthpwp.net/p/l/pippin01/helen/page1/htm">http://bellsouthpwp.net/p/l/pippin01/helen/page1/htm</a>
May 5-7	AR By Way Boogie	Hot Springs Village Inn 4429 N. Hwy 7 Hot Springs Village, AR 501-992-9600 or 888-922-9601	Robert Bashaw 870-460-9570	artravlr@seark.net
Not Yet Known	Twistar 2006			
May 26-29 (4 days)	Tri-Star	Allegheny Inn Sparta, NC 888-372-2501	Galen Diehl 276-647-3162 gdiehl@kimbanet.com	<a href="http://bellsouthpwp.net/p/l/pippin01/tristar/page1.htm">http://bellsouthpwp.net/p/l/pippin01/tristar/page1.htm</a>
June 18-21	STAR 2006	The Christie Lodge Avon, Colorado	Mike Morris (Registrar) 580-745-2294 (w) 580-924-6878 (h)	mikemelody@netcommander.com
August 4-6	Nolichucky Valley Rally	Holiday Inn Express Erwin, TN	Richard Giddish 423-245-5558 (home) rickandnick@hartern.net	<a href="http://webpages.charter.net/jrandall/erwin/erwin.htm">http://webpages.charter.net/jrandall/erwin/erwin.htm</a>
Aug 25-27	Mail Pouch Fly By	Best Value Inn (formerly Knights Inn) Marietta, OH	Jon Campbell 513-932-3341 (home)	
Sept. 8-10	Ozarks BS Rally	Theodosia Marina & Resort Highway 160 Theodosia, Missouri	Ed & Linda Young 417-926-3075 magna@fidnet.com	<a href="http://come.to/The_Ozarks_BS_Rally">http://come.to/The Ozarks BS Rally</a>
Sept. 15-17	River City Ride	Hotel not yet determined Kentucky	Gary Dehner 606-233-0321 (o) 606-223-9117 (h)	g.dehner@insightbb.com
Sept. - 22-24	SE Star	Holiday Inn Express 64 White Oak Lane Dillard, Georgia 706-746-3585	Trey Hall 615-367-6495 Strey1100@aol.com	
Sept. 29- 10-01	Friends of Freddie - XIII	Tradition Inn Intersection of Hwy 67 & W Farmington, MO 877-355-6205	Bob LaMear 636-938-3788	racerboy@fms4u.com
Nov. 3-5	Texas Hill Country Ride	YO Ranch Resort 2033 Sidney Baker Kerrville, TX 78028 877-967-3767	Joe Paolili 830-537-5552 joep@beecreek.net	<a href="http://www.geocities.com/jfpoulos/THC2006.html">http://www.geocities.com/jfpoulos/THC2006.html</a>