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Honda Sport Touring Association

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Chapter News

Submitted By: Sam Ulbing & Bill Royal

North News:

Lots happened last month in the north. Phil Ridg-dill set up a booth at Riding Into History to let people know about HSTA. Bill has more on that as he helped.

On Saturday May 20, 11 others and I took the Experience Riders Course that Jim Park had organized for us in Orlando. Buck DeShazo and I rode down the morning before where we met Chuck Headrick at the Museum of Art and toured the Art of the Motorcycle exhibit. Chuck and Buck got some pictures of these unique motorcycles. I got a real kick out of the 1890 vintage steam motorcycle!

I'd taken the experienced rider's course several years ago and while the material was pretty much the same, the instructors for this one were much better giving us lots of feedback and helpful hints on improving our skills. I've got to work on those darned limited space turns but I noticed Mike

whipped through them with room to spare. If there is enough interest maybe we can schedule one for next year (we need 12 people). No one dropped his bike so everyone passed congratulations to: Art Bremer, Matt Harper, Buck DeShazo, Chuck Headrick, Paul Heydemann, Tom Kerkhoff, Ron McNary, Ron Milbourne, Tim Miller, Bob Shields, Mike Sistrunk, Sam Ulbing.



Instructor Jim going over the course layout for the next maneuver. Buck DeShazo without helmet, others unidentifiable (easily anyway)

Earlier this year Scott Wingerter volunteered to organize a 3 or 4 day ride to Barber Museum in Birmingham, Alabama. IF there is enough interest he will see about organizing one probably this fall. As Scott says "I've been to it several times, and it'll blow your socks off!

Over 700 motorcycles displayed in a five story 140,000 sq.

ft...antiques to modern day machines". This will not happen unless Scott gets enough positive feedback to warrant pursuing it so let him or me know if you are interested.

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www.ridehsta.com

And the Award Winning Florida HSTA Site at:
www.flahsta.org

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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
Kevin Sreenan	Delray Beach	Multiple/BMW	Member Joe Rankin
Scott Bills	Boynton Beach	'04 FJR1300	Member Bill Royal

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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.

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. \$3200.00. Call 813-633-8155 or email: eblueday@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: eblueday@mindspring.com or phone: 813-633-8155. I can send a photo or bring them to a lunch ride.

Adjustable Hook & Loop Heated Grip pads, \$30.00 - Phil Ridgill 904 287 9654, rfoxrdr@bellsouth.net

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

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

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 or 321-266-8757

Trips

Hike N Ride: Spend 6 days riding the most beautiful rural and back country roads in CT and NH. Stopping occasionally to hike a breathtaking loop trail that leads to outstanding views. Must be in good physical shape. Every night will be spent in a different luxurious Bed and Breakfast. Estimated price is \$1030.00 PP double occupancy. Price includes all breakfast and dinner but does not include transportation to and from Sharon, CT (meeting place) or alcoholic beverages. See New England at its finest and prettiest...in the fall. This trip is planned for mid September 06 (exact date to be announced soon). Please email me for details, questions and if you have an interest. strev3nking@yahoo.com. This trip is limited to only 10 people.

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I'm off to STAR06 on 8 June. I know at least 8 people from Florida who are making the trek to Colorado although several are going by car there are a number who are going out on two wheels including both your State Directors. Expect to hear a lot more next issue about our adventures.

South News:

As Sam already mentioned there was a LOT of stuff going on in May. **The South lunch ride** was sweet, with another stunningly beautiful Florida day and ~ 20 riders showed up at the new destination. The food was OUTSTANDING, the service EXCELLENT, and the prices were reasonable. Thanks to Gerry Venema for the tip to go there. 14 out of

the 20 riders had triple digits to make the ride (8 of them were > 150 miles), but Scott Wingerter with 324 miles was hands down



The Crew at the South Lunch Ride

From the Left: Scott Wingerter, Ron & Bonnie Cumbey, Roger Spice, Jim Cavanaugh, Bob Shields, Dennis Villarose, Larry Fitch, Bob Niszczak, Eve Blazsur, Gordon Byers, Gerry & Barb Venema, Bob Flanagan, Anne & Ed Lynch, Fred Landgraf.

the long distance king for this one. Oh and special mention for P. Van Steelant who was the ONLY one of the "Real Men" from the West Palm Beach area that could make this ride (which was only some 86 miles as the crow flies, but Van took the long way and made it 175 miles. Unfortunately, he was late thus he was still in eating his lunch when we took the group picture!) Way to go Scott and the rest of you Florida riders.

The North Lunch Ride also drew a decent crowd, with 23 attendees. The Tampa area crew had the long haul on this one with 6 riders at 170+, but two of them came a way to meet up with the group ride, extending their mile-

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ages into the 200+ arena. I know it was close, but Bill Tribble listed his mileage as 205 and A.D. Williams had his at 209. Both had been scratched out and corrected so... Well, AD did his on an FZ1 and Bill his on a Wing. Guess AD gets the nod. All in all a very respectable day of riding!

Eve and I traveled over to help out Phil Ridgdill to staff the recruiting tent we had at Riding Into History. Jim & Dianne Park also showed up so we had plenty of "staff". Good thing too since we seemed to have about double the traffic AND interest in the booth compared to when we last did it 2 years ago. Having my ST1100 and Jim's ST1300 there really helped pique interest with a LOT of folks getting drawn in to ask about Jim's top box! There was also a laptop running videos of riding, including some actual footage from HSTA events. We ran out of local newsletters to hand out and I know we didn't have a ton of STARreviews left over either. Hopefully that will translate into some new faces at upcoming lunch rides and eventually some additional new members.

A BIG thanks to Phil for setting the whole deal up and giving Eve and I yet another excuse to GO RIDE. We also got to socialize over dinner with Jim & Dianne Park that evening before they left for their several day jaunt up into the Smoky Mountains and there about. Great folks and yet another great weekend of riding and socializing

which we capped off with a trip on Sunday down the coast highway from St. Augustine into Daytona and a shopping expedition at the Helmet Shop, before finally making our way back home all with nary a mile on the interstate.



Phil Ridgdill and a prospective member at the Riding Into History HSTA recruiting booth. Photo courtesy Alan Singer - Moto Euro Garage

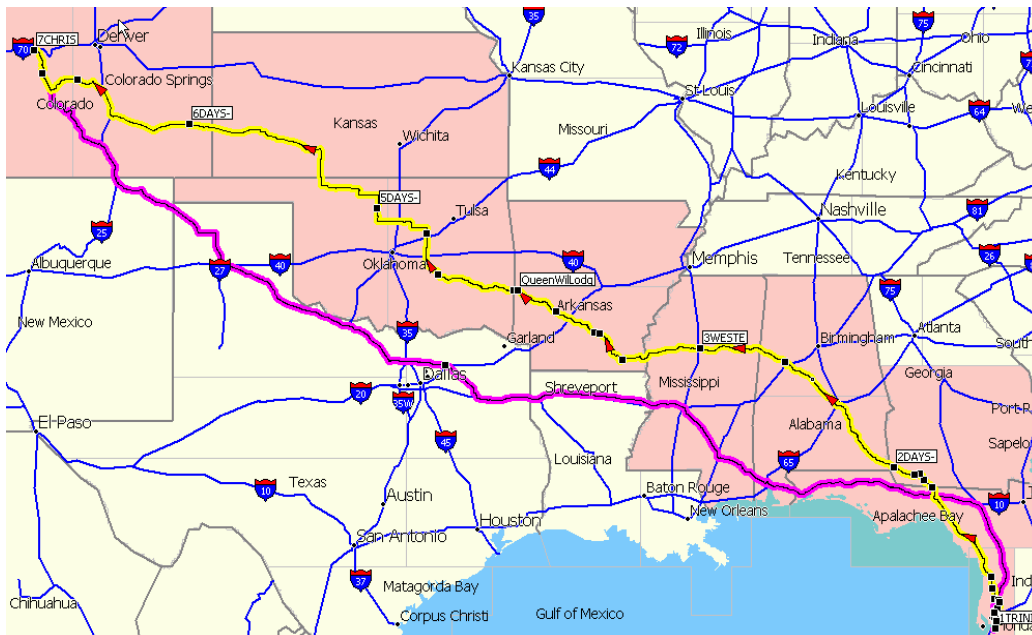
STAR06:

We're putting the final touches on our plans to ride out to STAR in Avon. As Sam mentioned there are others riding, but nobody seemed interested in any group rides. That's OK as long as you all get out and ride somewhere! Our trip has developed into a 6 day, ~350 miles per day, all non-interstate route out to Avon. That pace should give us plenty of time for weather contingencies as well as some sight-seeing along the way. We're planning on staying the 3rd nite at the Queen Wilhemina

Lodge in Mena, AR. We will get to Avon on Friday before the official start so we can get settled and maybe some additional "vacation stuff" (other than riding) in. We are both really looking forward to this years ride. If anyone is still on the fence about riding out to STAR and wants to tag along, it's not too late!

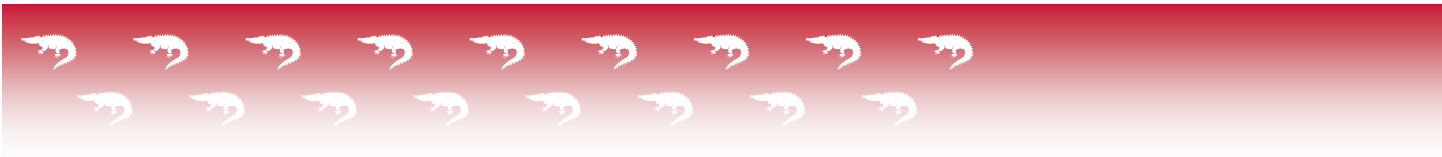
We will be attending the North Lunch Ride to Trenton this weekend, the only Florida scheduled event in June due to STAR.

Hope to see the rest of you out there! :-)



The Yellow route is the non-interstate plan OUT to STAR06, the Purple one primarily interstate to get back home

Remember: Ride Safe, Ride SMART, Ride Home!



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 - June 3rd - Ye Olde Boarding House - Trenton, FL** 1 block NW of intersection of 129 and 26. This has been a consistent favorite lunch ride destination so we hope to see a good turnout. Distance: Jax- 98, Sun City-151, Melb-195. GPS: N29 36.8 W82 49.2. PLEASE let me know if you plan to attend. Contact: Sam Ulbing n4uau@cox.net or 352-262-6221

Future North Rides/Dates: July 13 (midweek) Horse & Hounds, Ocala
 July 22nd - JB's Fish Camp, New Smyrna (Bob Shields organizing)

♦ **HSTA Florida South Lunch Ride - NO JUNE Ride due to STAR06 Event - See you in July!**

Future South Rides/Dates: July 15 - TBD Aug 12th - TBD Sept 16th - TBD Oct 14th - TBD

♦ 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
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	http://tinyurl.com/873z7
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	http://come.to/The Ozarks BS Rally
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	http://tinyurl.com/8de29
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 Paolilli 830-537-5552 joep@becreek.net	http://www.geocities.com/jfpoulos/THC2006.html

STOP! Red Light Running Coalition of Florida - <http://www.floridastopsonred.org/>

As motorcyclists, we are especially at risk from vehicles dis-regarding traffic laws, and all too commonly right of way violations in particular result in serious injury or death to us. There often is little we can do about the problem, but there are some things we **can** do.

I invite you to check out this website to see for yourself what could be done if we can give our legislators the political will to do so.