

# The Florida MSTA Grapevine

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## Feature Article

EVERYONE CONCURS .....

IT REALLY WAS A RIDE INTO HISTORY!

By Van VanSteelant

(Paul "Van" VanSteelant is a long-time member of HSTA / MSTA, and has been a State Co-Director for Florida since the beginning of this year. Ed.)

Saturday, May 16th proved to be a great day for a vintage bike show. The Tenth Annual RIDING INTO HISTORY took place at the World Golf Village, just off I-95 in St. Augustine, Fl. The show is simply amazing!! This is a VERY well run event, requiring a diligent, dedicated staff working nearly year-round. The organizers bring in a broad range of vintage bikes: from a 1904 Marsh to 1990's one-offs; race bikes from the last 70 years; and WW II Military Harleys, Indians and Zundapps.



*Photo courtesy of Jim Park*

These are displayed all around a large lake, intermingled with vendors and clubs. Almost all of the bike owners are right there to answer questions about their bikes. They are suitably proud of their rides (yes, many are still ridden!)

**We want to give a warm MSTA welcome to new member Jim Juranitch of Ft. Lauderdale. Jim was introduced to the club by Mike Osmer, an MSTA member from Michigan, and we understand that he has to choose from among many bikes each time he decides to ride. Be sure to say hello to Jim when you see him at a ride or event.**

and are happy to share their stories and wisdom. (to see other photos by Jim Park, [click here](#)).

Craig Vetter and Dennis Gage were co-grand marshals this year. They had been marshals previously, but never together. A great get!! Owners of five of Vetter's famous Hurricanes brought them to be prominently displayed at the entrance to the event. You couldn't miss them--bright orange paint and chrome everywhere!! Craig also ran two well attended seminars during the day. Dennis, along with journalist Neale Bayly and Dennis' son, Sam, were busy talking about and signing copies of their "Trippin' On Two Wheels" DVD series, seen on Speed TV. In fact, the trio filmed their adventures riding vintage BMW's and a Motoguzzi from Indiana to this event for a future episode. The final shots of the trip were of them riding around the lake among the crowds! (Catch Neale's four part article about their trip on SpeedTV.com, and stay tuned for the air-date of the show.)

Our crew of seven manned our HSTA/MSTA booth. Bill Royal, Eve Blazsur, Jim and Dianne Park, and Van VanSteelant came up Friday afternoon and had a great meal together right near where we all were staying. The next morning, we were joined by Doug and Becky Westly, who flew in from Tampa on his GS 1200 and her VFR. They set up their bikes right in front of the booth, along with Bill Royal's ST 1100.

We set up early and were ready to talk us up as the gates opened. The bikes turned out be GREAT conversation starters! And Doug and Becky really stepped up and put on their hospitality/meet & greet hats. They were a wonder to watch and work with all day long! Big THANKS to them for their "above and beyond the call of duty" efforts!! The rest of us were able to fill in the gaps as needed. By the end of the event, we had handed out most of the literature brought along to promote the club and our name change. With enough people to man the booth, we all were able to rotate out for a "lap" around the lake to see what was what. See [these photos](#) for a flavor of what you missed.

The whole gang went into St. Augustine for a celebratory dinner. As Van had his limo, 'er truck, everybody was able to enjoy an adult beverage or two along with dinner. Our walk about town found us in Kilman's Ice Cream shop for desert. We added 30 more minutes to our walk to compensate!!

Though we stayed overnight to simplify our participation at the event, this is a show that one could ride to, see the bikes, attend a seminar or two, have lunch, and still ride home that day, even if home is Tampa or West Palm Beach. Allow two to four hours to walk the lake trail and take as many pictures as you'd like. Many of the bikes are museum quality--really!! And some just might be new to you. Well worth your time and money. Go to the ["Just for Fun"](#) page for the South East to read more about the whole event--the show, charities benefited by the show and Biker's Ball, etc. Set aside next May 15th, 2010, to come and see for yourself what you've been missing!

### *Heard through the Grapevine:*

- We continue to look for articles and photos about rides, not so secret roads, and interesting places that are known to our members. We do not impose any Pulitzer Prize writing standards, so the objective is to get the information into a computer.... and then....send it in!
- We're happy to report that both Doug Pippin and Dennis Villarose are well on the road to recovery after accidents in the past several weeks.
- With STAR 09 coming up in just a few weeks, MSTA has set up [FORUMS](#) on their website where members can get / share information about routes, accommodations, etc.. If you plan on going to STAR 09, it would be very much appreciated if you would let Van VanSteelant or Bill Royal know.
- *What have you heard or what did you do that others might like to know about? Tell us..... so we can include it here.*

## Florida News from the Directors

### South News

May 2nd turned out to be a great day for a ride. Some 19 riders from Ft. Lauderdale to Tampa and points in between made it safely to the Crossroads Diner in Okeechobee for good food, good roads and good times. Bill Royal lead his usual cast of characters from the Left Coast. Jim Park gathered the locals and made a good day of riding for



*Photo by Bill Royal*

them. To see photos of this and other events, some taken from a "trunk mounted camera", you need to [click right here](#). And we had a few ride in from Lake Placid/Sebring--including two potential members. They were able to get the low-down about the riding in their "backyard" from Scott Bills, who is going to spend his summer in Alaska!! He may even get back on a commercial fishing boat for grins--the water ought to be a bit different from the Atlantic off Florida that he's used to!! Bill Royal will also be in Alaska this summer, on his way to STAR in Virginia!! Though Scott and Bill will be in Alaska at the same time, they'll most likely be 1500-2000 miles apart!

In addition to these two adventures, it was great to hear about all the riding trips people are planning for this summer. Some are going to ride all around the South East in route to STAR, or D.C. Some are heading to the North East and beyond. And I heard that somebody is heading back to Texas. Glad to see that the economic climate hasn't derailed the riding spirit of our members!! Even if grand tours are not in your near future, be sure to make the most of your riding options. "The worst day of riding is better than a great day doing anything else." Go ride-Be Safe-ATGATT.

On a personal note, thanks to everybody for their warm thoughts and prayers sent my way after the passing of my Mom. She was terrific, and her passing was a blessing as it minimized her suffering. Always celebrate those you love!!

Keep the rubber side down. Van

## Florida Rides This Month

### North Lunch Ride

No rides had been planned by publication time. For updates on North Lunch Rides, please [click here](#) to check the Florida MSTa web-site.

**South Lunch Ride**

Saturday, June 13, 11:30am - 1:00pm - Jaxson's - Lake June Rd (SR S621), Lake Placid, FL ([map](#)).

This is a GREAT spot right in the heart of central Florida. Some nice riding roads around the lakes, great food and reasonable prices. Contact: Van VanSteelant - 561-738-2011 or [Busavan@flahsta.org](mailto:Busavan@flahsta.org)

**Upcoming Events**

**For additional Florida events**, [click here](#) to see Florida MSTA web site Events page.

**MSTA web site information on "Just For Fun Events"**: [click here](#).

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Click on the words above and you will go to a mystery URL that should be of interest. If you know of a site you think the members might like, let us know!

## RIDER SIGHT MANAGEMENT by Jim Parks

(No, this was not written by our Jim Park, but you need to read it anyway! This is really good stuff. Ed.)

Anyone who has taken the MSF Basic Riders Course knows that a motorcycle goes where you look and that effective cornering technique depends on a rider "looking through" the curve. But, in many ways, that only scratches the surface of what I call "Rider Sight Management."

Focusing your sight on the proper primary and secondary targets is important both to achieving a smooth and effective riding technique and mitigating the dangers incumbent to riding a motorcycle on the street. Primary targets are those of the highest priority and they demand your immediate, primary focus, while secondary targets are monitored by your secondary focus, or peripheral vision. At any moment, for example, your peripheral vision may suddenly detect a pothole or other road hazard that immediately elevates it to a primary target. But instead of focusing just on that hazard, you should visualize and focus on the best path to avoid it. After the danger has passed, riders should then refocus their attention to the new primary target (i.e., the one with the highest priority).

In the absence of an immediate threat, riders generally should focus their sight down the road, but also keep their eyes roving 360 degrees (by using their mirrors) to detect potential dangers. The farther ahead you focus, the easier it is for your brain to process what you are seeing. It's as if your motion is progressing at a slower pace. As you focus closer to your front wheel, the activity being processed by your brain seems to be happening much faster, which often results in jerky rider inputs through the handlebars, brakes and throttle.

If all of this sounds too conceptual, let's consider this example:

When riding in a group, particularly if it's tightly packed, there's a strong tendency for riders to focus on the motorcycle directly in front of them, making it their primary target. Because the following rider is not focusing on the road ahead, he or she is constantly braking, accelerating and executing erratic corners. And, if the leading rider crashes on a curve, there's a high probability that the next rider will follow suit. If, instead, the road becomes the following rider's primary focus, and the other riders ahead are placed in peripheral vision, the following rider will be smoother and safer.

It's a good idea to practice sharpening up your peripheral vision even when walking down a sidewalk. For example, try to pick out details in your surroundings without looking at them directly. With a little practice, you can improve both your sight management and your riding technique.

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Jim Park and Dennis Villarose stumbled across this store. It's well hidden on the west side of Military Trail just north of Summit Blvd. It's a small shop with the touring / adventure motorcyclist in mind. They are an internet dealer, but have a nice showroom. If you are in the area, they tell us it's worth the stop.

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## CLASSIFIED ADS

### BIKES FOR SALE

**2006 Honda ST1300 ABS;** Black - VIN JH2SC51436M400061- Purchased new March 2006 from Florida Sports in Stuart, FL - Original owner; Clear title - No damage history; NEVER dropped - Total Mileage 24,300-miles - Honda Pan European trunk with integrated brake light/wing - New battery on 7/8/08 at 21,903-miles - Bridgestone Battlax BT021 tires new on 9/2/08 at 22,240-miles - Cee Bailey windshield; Also includes OEM windshield - OEM: Seat, grips, handlebars - Wired for Garmin 478 GPS; Includes hidden remote Garmin XM antenna - Includes J&M Dual CB radio - Wired for Escort 9500i radar detector - Aftermarket halogen headlamps - Throttle friction-grip - Custom saddle bag liner inserts - All accessories installed by Buck Jones (12)  
Asking \$9,500 OBO - Contact Rick Lucas at 561-718-5687

### GEAR FOR SALE

**New Scorpion EXO Helmet** (the one with the pump) - Silver – Large - Asking \$250  
Contact: John French 561-350-6177 (12)

**Tourmaster Cortech Advanced Sport Riding Jacket** - Brand new, never been worn - Size: Mens:XL.Red and Black, Waterproof, full Knox Armour with back protector. Sleeve, Chest and back zipper vents. Full zip in liner. \$85.00 plus shipping. (4) Contact Scott @ [vmax\\_97@peoplepc.com](mailto:vmax_97@peoplepc.com) or 353-447-2662

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