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Florida News

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NORTH NEWS

Sam Ulbing

MID WEEK LUNCH RIDE: Was Jan 28th to the Big Oak in Paisley. You missed it if you weren't on my email list because these are spur of the moment rides. Let me know and I'll add your name or join the new group.

FLAHSTA YAHOO GROUP: To aid communication among our members I have started a Yahoo Group. It will let any member email all the other members of the group. Want company for a lunch ride? Looking for people who are riding up to the Spring Fling or to STAR? Just send an email to the group. You need to have an invitation to join, so email me if you want to join and I'll send you an email. Check it out at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/FLAHSTA/>

THANKS: to all who replied with YES or NO about attending the Trenton lunch. It was a big help to both the restaurant and me. Turn out was good at 28 and as usual Bill Royal lead a group of intrepid riders from warm south Florida into the gray and breezy 54F weather of north Florida. Thanks Bill!

FEBRUARY LUNCH RIDE: Feb 19th at Carmichaels in Ocala, 12 noon. This is a nice place and there are some pretty good roads to get there. I have invited the BMW group to join us. PLEASE again let me know YES or NO. We have a separate room and the restaurant needs to know the approximate number of people to serve us properly.

GPS: N29 11.613 W82 05.634 (note this is in degrees, minutes and decimal minutes)
LOCATION: 3105 Northeast Silver Springs Blvd. This is on Route 40 just west of Silver Springs. Hope to see you there.
DISTANCE: Jax - 97, Melb - 144, Sun City - 117.

ROOMS AT THE SPRING FLING: are filling up fast. Call now to reserve one 850-386-8286. Be sure to mention HSTA for the discount rate. You can always cancel up to 4 PM day of arrival if you have a last minute change of plans.

SOUTH NEWS

Bill Royal

RIDE TURNOUT: Man we're setting a HOT pace for this year. For the New Years day ride we had 44 attendees, and for the North ride to Trenton, there were 28, both well above our average of 22! It's great seeing you all at the rides as that's what makes it worth all the effort to set them up so keep it up!

SPECIAL EVENTS: This is the time of the year when we have a number of "special events". Although not all HSTA sponsored, you can be sure of a good time attending any of them. A perennial favorite is the Riding Into History Concours D'Elegance. If you've never been to this event, I urge you to try it just once. You'll want to go back again. For you mid-week folks, there's the Daytona Bike Week lunch ride that Phil R. is hosting again this year. It's a Thursday during Daytona Bike Week to give folks a chance to get

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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!

Keith Oster	Palm Harbor	ST1300
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Florida News

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away from the Daytona crowds. This year it's to Bunnell Airport which is a great location so if you can make it, please do.

NEW MEMBER PROFILES: We used to do a new member profile on folks but that kinda fell by the wayside. Here's a stab at bringing it back: Meet our newest members, Keith & Monica Oster from Palm Harbor, FL. You may have already met them as they've attended several lunch rides over the last few months. Pictured to the right, they are set to depart from the New Years Day lunch ride which they attended just one day after finishing an Iron Butt Bun-Burner (1000 miles in 24 hours). Note the matching pair of 04 ST1300's! Among other enterprises, they run a small business selling authentic Hawaiian Motorcycle Shirts. You can see them at local bike events like the Plant City and Dade City Bike nites or online at <http://www.monkelbusiness.com/>



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 wgr@sprynet.com.

For Sale

Bikes

1991 Honda ST1100. Excellent condition, Silver, 88k miles, always garaged, original owner. Sargent Leather seat, MEZ 4 tyres, luggage rack, works performance shock & org shock, 3 windshields, Audio com with Radar connection, Properly serviced and on Mobil 1 syn oil (Motorcycle). Asking \$4200.00. North FL area. Phil Ridgill 904 287 9654 or rfoxrdr@bellsouth.net

2002 Honda CBR1100XX (Silver)

13500 miles Gen-mar risers, throttlemiester cruise control, Full Ventura Luggage System (2 racks, 3 bags) Honda extended warranty. Excellent condition. This bike makes an awesome sport touring mount. \$7900.00 - Mark Hanke 321-403-4289 cell Melbourne, Fl.

2001 BMW K1200 LTC Pacific Blue 25K, dir serviced, Autocom, Piaas, CB, Cee Bailey W/S, Kisan and Run-in Lights, 6 Disc CD changer, Luggage Rack, garage kept. \$ 13,000. Contact: Dennis Villarose - ipnman2002@yahoo.com

Gear

Motorcycle lift for Harley- Davidson or cruisers type bikes. Folds flat for storage. Activated manually with long lever. \$ 70.00

Chaps, nice quality black leather with fringes on the side. New, never worn. Size: waist 36", inseam 34". \$ 80.00

Pants, black leather, jeans style, liner. Made in Germany. Size: waist 33", inseam 32". \$ 50.00

Pants, nice soft black suede leather, jeans style, liner. Made in Germany. New, never worn. Size: waist 33", inseam 34". \$ 100.00

Women's gloves, black leather with fringes, from Harley-Davidson, new, never worn. Size small. \$ 25.00

Helmet open face black leather from Harley-Davidson. Size small. \$ 60.00

Blanket, black with Harley-Davidson's name stitched on blanket, new. \$ 25.00

Call 813 634-2223 or email hainef@earthlink.net.

RoadGear Riding Pants size 30/34, worn 1 time, \$100.00,

BMW Air-Flow 2 pants size 38R (Euro) approx 34 US size, vented, worn 1 time \$150.00

Leather Jacket Fieldsheer, excellent condition, size 40/42 White/Blue/Black \$150.00 obo

MOTOPOINT Spyder Jacket, Red & Black, size Med \$150.00 obo Phil Ridgill 904 287 9654 or rfoxrdr@bellsouth.net

Accessories

Spitfire windscreen - Smoke tinted, smallish screen (16" wide at bottom tapering towards top. 16.5 " tall) Universal mounts for 7/8 diam. Handlebars. Asking \$25.00 shipped to you.

Contact: Eve Blazsur eblueday@mindspring.com 813-633-8155

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. (RSVP always helpful if you know)

♦ **HSTA Florida South Lunch Ride - Saturday, February 5th - Lake Susan Lodge - Clermont FL** OK, so we went here in December... I usually don't repeat a place so soon, but this was an oversight when editing last month's newsletter so I didn't want to make a last minute change. Located at 11834 Lakeshore Drive, and just off US27 in Clermont it's easy to get to and right in the heart of Lake County and it's great MC roads. Not to be missed. GPS: N28 31.169 W81 45.541 Contact: Bill Royal - RideFL@flahsta.org or (813)633-8155

Future South Rides: (TBA - To Be Announced) Mar 5th - City Seafood—Everglades City

♦ **HSTA Florida North Lunch Ride - Saturday, February 19th - Carmichael's - Ocala, FL.** Lunch at 12:00 Noon. Hope to see you there. LOCATION: 3105 Northeast Silver Springs Blvd. This is on Route 40 just west of Silver Springs. GPS: N29 11.613 W82 05.634 (note this is in degrees, minutes and decimal minutes) DISTANCE: Jax - 97, Melb - 144, Sun City - 117. Contact: Sam Ulbing - 352-262-6221 or n4uau@cox.net

Future North Rides: 19 March: - The Outback Crab Shack - St Augustine on St Johns River. This is the week AFTER Bikeweek.

♦ **Daytona Bike Week HSTA Lunch Ride - Thursday March 10th - Hijackers Restaurant, Bunnell Airport, Bunnell FL.** Lunch at 1200 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 rfoxrdr@bellsouth.net.

♦ **Real Florida Spring Fling - April 8-10, 2005 - The Guesthouse Inn & Suites, Tallahassee, FL.** This will be the first of what we hope to make an annual weekend event. We have not had a weekend event in Florida since the demise of the Key West Escape a couple years back, so if you like this type of event, please be sure to attend! You DO have to be a member of the HSTA to attend this event. Contact: Sam Ulbing - 352-262-6221 or n4uau@cox.net

Riding Into History - Saturday, April 30 - World Golf Village, St. Augustine, FL GPS: N29 59.532 W81 28.258

Riding Into History, a Concours d'Elegance for Motorcycles will return to the beautiful World Golf Village for the sixth straight year. This year it will feature "The Legendary Motorcycles of Germany". The WGV is located just north of St. Augustine, Florida, on I-95, exit 323.

The Atlantic Beach Vintage Motorcycle Club and the BMW Motorcycle Owners of Northeast Florida will be the presenters of the event. Buddy Check 12, a breast cancer charity and a partnership between Baptist Health and First Coast News, will be the beneficiary of the charitable event. Last year RIH raised over \$25,000 for the charity.

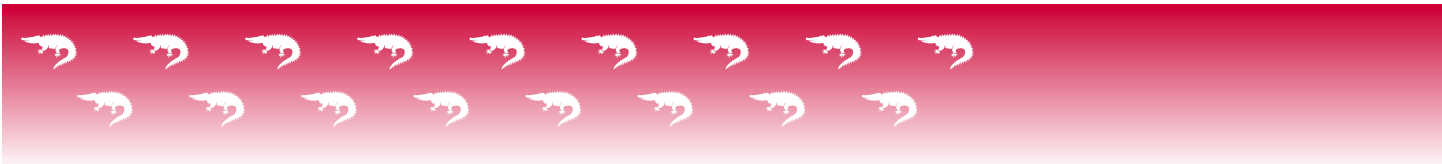
RIH consists of three parts: 1). Charity motorcycle rides originating in both Daytona and Jacksonville, leading to the World Golf Village. 2). The Concours, featuring approximately 200 motorcycles from all over the country, as well as vendors, clubs, dealers and entertainment. 3). The Biker's Ball, a dinner and dance held at the Renaissance Resort at the WGV the night of the Concours. Special hotel packages are available.

For additional information visit RidingIntoHistory.org or contact HSTA member Bill Robinson at 904-730-9719, RIH2005@aol.com.



Most of the 28 who made it to Trenton on a chilly (temps in the 40s) Florida Winter Day

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

NOTES: Schedule now updated with 2005 events. Some events are still tentative. 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
Feb. 18-20	Ride the Rio: El Duodecimo	Chisos Mining Co Motel - Terlingua, TX 432-371-2254
April 8-10	T-17	Queen Wilhelmina Lodge - Mena, AR 800-264-2477
April 28-May 1	Helen 2005	Alpenhof Hotel - 15 Yonah Street, Helen, GA 800-535-8678
May 6-8	AR By Way Boogie	Hot Springs Village Inn - 4429 N. Hwy 7, Hot Springs Village, AR 888-922-9601
May 13-15	Twistar 2005	Voyageur Inn - Reedsburg, WI 800-444-4493
May 27-30	Tri-Star	Allegheny Inn - Sparta, NC 888-372-2501
June 19-22	STAR 2005	Holiday Inn North - Lexington, KY
August 12-14	Nolichucky Valley Rally	Holiday Inn Express - Erwin, TN
August 26-28	Mail Pouch Fly By	Best Value Inn (formerly Knights Inn) - Marietta, OH
September 9-11	Ozarks BS Rally	Theodosia Marina & Resort - Highway 160
September 16-18	River City Ride	Baymont Inn - 2495 Landmark Avenue Corydon, Indiana 812-738-1500
September 23-25	SE Star	Holiday Inn Express 64 White Oak Lane Dillard, Georgia 706-746-3585
October 7-9	Friends of Freddie - XIII	Tradition Inn Intersection of Hwy 67 & W Farmington, MO 877-355-6205
November 4-6	Texas Hill Country Ride	YO Ranch Resort 2033 Sidney Baker Kerrville, TX 78028 877-967-3767

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