



The Hogtown Lowdown



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Director's Column

Hello again to all of my fellow HOG enthusiasts. It is hard to believe how fast we zoomed through April and how quickly the Spring Holidays are sneaking up on us. Talk about Spring Fever!

Gainesville Harley-Davidson is having many exciting events in the upcoming months. In the month of May there is going to be plenty to keep us busy. May 3rd is the 2nd Annual HOG Roast. May 9th and 10th will be our annual garage sale held at Gainesville H-D. And May 25 - 27, Gainesville Harley-Davidson will be closed to observe Memorial Day. If you have any questions on any upcoming events, please contact Gainesville Harley-Davidson at (352) 331-6363 for more information.

As always, if anyone has any suggestions on rides that you would like to do, please feel free to contact myself, or any of the other HOG officers.

As always, Ride Safe!
Joan





Ladies of Harley News



Hello HOGs

Now is the time to be out riding and having fun. If you're looking for a good time...check out Bike Nite sponsored by Floyd's Diner in High Springs on Hwy. 441. Their next Bike Nite is May 8th from 5-9pm.

They have a bike contest you can sign up for and they hand out trophies for several categories of bikes. You must register your bike by eight o'clock if you plan to participate. There is a five-dollar fee for this. If you have questions, call 386-454-5775 and ask for Roxy. She said she would be happy to answer your questions and hopes to see you all come up to Floyd's Diner for a good time. She tells me there have been as many as 130 bikes attending this event previously! This event is not a HOG-sponsored

event but open to any type of bike, American or import. So go check it out!

Please remember to ride safe. One way to do this is to always do a bike check before you roll that throttle. Check to see that all your lights are working, headlight, turn signal and brake. Test the horn, check tire pressure, etc. You know the drill; just don't forget to do it! Happy riding!

If you have suggestions or want to go for a ride or have questions because you're a newby rider or just need support or encouragement, please let me know. I'll be glad to share our common interest.

Dianne



Searching for a few good HOGs

by Grant Thrall, GF HOG Webmaster and Road Captain

Our chapter is looking for a few chapter members to step forward and volunteer as officers. The success of our chapter depends solely on volunteers. New Gainesville HOG Chapter officers will become effective January 1, 2004. It is not too early to express your interest in being more active in HOG as one of its officers. Interested? Speak to Joan Brewer, or contact her at lizzie@gru.net

Motorcycle Operator Safety Training Classes

by Grant Thrall, GF HOG Webmaster and Road Captain

We have made arrangements for our HOG Chapter members to participate in both basic and advanced motorcycle training courses. The advantages are that you will become a better and safer rider. Upon completion of the beginner or advanced course, many qualify for a reduction in insurance, a \$50 gift certificate to spend at the local Harley dealership, and a motorcycle license if you already have an automobile license.

The May Advanced Rider Course is already full. But, applications are being taken now for the October Advanced Rider Course. Sign up as soon as possible to guarantee your space in the Advanced Rider Course. If you wish to be part of the Gainesville HOG group for the October Advanced course, contact Joan Brewer at lizzie@gru.net or call her at 352-495-3109. If you are interested in joining any Advanced group at CFCC or the Basic Rider Course group, see "Registration" below.

Registration: call CFCC 352-237-2111 X-1283 and ask for Debby.

Basic Rider Course (BRC) (beginner course)

- Required: automobile drivers license
- Where: Central Florida Community College (CFCC), Ocala FL
- When: Classes every week. Allow at least six weeks from time of signing up to when your course begins
- Hours of instruction: 15 hours, divided between class time and riding time
- Days of meeting: Wed. night 6-9PM, Sat & Sun 7AM-1:30PM
- Cost: \$160
- Required equipment: DOT Helmet, long sleeve shirt/jacket, full fingered gloves, long pants, over the ankle boots (CFCC can provide helmet & gloves).
- Supplied equipment: Motorcycles are provided by CFCC (cannot use your motorcycle)

Advanced Rider Course (ARC) (advanced course)

- Required: automobile drivers license with motorcycle operator and either well experienced as a motorcycle rider, or completion of the Basic Rider Course, and experience riding after BRC completion.
- Where: Central Florida Community College (CFCC), Ocala FL
- Hours of instruction: 5 hours riding time
- Days of meeting: Saturday afternoon
- Cost: \$60
- Required equipment: DOT Helmet, long sleeve shirt/jacket, full fingered gloves, long pants, over the ankle boots (CFCC can provide helmet & gloves). You ride your own motorcycle.

Ray's Ride and the Mystique of the Motorcycle

by Susan Thrall; photos courtesy of HOG member Dennis Trimble

Ray's Ride took place on April 5th and 6th. Several dozen riders left Gainesville Harley-Davidson Saturday afternoon after work and rode together to Tampa-St. Petersburg for the annual Ray's Ride commemorating Ray Lytle, the late co-owner of Gainesville Harley-Davidson. Those who rode could choose between staying overnight at hotels of their own choice or turning around and coming back the same day. Most stayed overnight.

Once in the Tampa-St. Petersburg area, the group stopped at Skipper's in Temple Terrace (see photo) for a dinner together. One of the riders described Skipper's as "rustic" but with very good food. Riders commented that the weather was perfect both on the ride down and the ride back.



One of the most interesting parts of the trip took place on Sunday. Those who chose to stay overnight visited the Florida International Museum in St. Petersburg to see the "Mystique of the Motorcycle" show. The "Mystique of the Motorcycle" launched its North American tour in St. Petersburg. The

exhibit ran from December 18, 2002 to April 27, 2003.

The Mystique exhibit was a show of 80 motorcycles from the collection of Trevor Deeley. Trevor Deeley was a famous Canadian motorcycle racer whose family owned Canada's first Harley-Davidson dealership. Since 1973, his company has the exclusive rights to distribute Harley-Davidson's in Canada through a network of 75 independently owned outlets.



The exhibition was 12000 square feet and included motorcycles that Trevor Deeley collected – motorcycles from 25 different manufacturers throughout the world and from the turn of the century to the present. Some of the brands present included Ariel, BSA, Brough Superior, Harley-Davidson (of course), Indian, Royal Enfield, Triumph, Vincent and Velocette. The motorcycles represented various purposes including transportation, racing, wartime vehicles, pleasure and art form motorcycles.



The museum describes the collection as “more than one man’s passion for motorcycles, it’s the thousands of miles of untold stories that only the imagination can revive from the silent, glorious machine on display.”



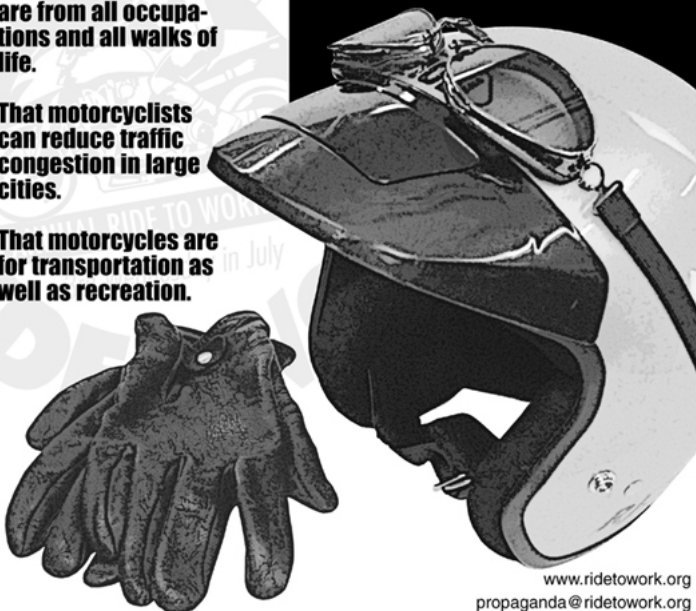
**Wednesday
July 16th
2003**

12th Annual

RIDE TO WORK DAY

RIDE YOUR MOTORCYCLE AND DEMONSTRATE:

- ✓ The number of motorcyclists to the general public and to politicians.
- ✓ That motorcyclists are from all occupations and all walks of life.
- ✓ That motorcyclists can reduce traffic congestion in large cities.
- ✓ That motorcycles are for transportation as well as recreation.



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”Ride to Work Day” is not a HOG event and Gainesville Harley Davidson and Gainesville HOG chapter are not affiliated with ”Ride to Work Day”. However, we think this is a great idea. Get out and ride – for any reason. We think this is more than any reason. This is a great reason to ride.

May

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
				1	2	3 2 nd Annual HOG Roast
4	5	6	7	8	9 Garage Sale	10 Garage Sale
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Dealership Closed for Memorial Day	26 Dealership Closed for Memorial Day	27 Dealership Closed for Memorial Day	28	29	30	31

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June

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Ride-In-Bike Show & Bikini Bike Wash
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 HOG meeting 6:30 at dealership	27	28
29	30					

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