



The Hogtown Lowdown



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Director's Column

Hey Gang.

The kids are back in school, the weather will be getting cooler and that means more time for me to ride. What about you?

What about that Grand Opening at Gainesville Harley-Davidson? Those who were there had a great time. The ride on Sunday August 10th was a wonderful trip through horse country. Then a trip over the creek at Cross Creek, and back to Gainesville for good food at Hooters. The ride was 130 miles. I was able to break in my new scooter pretty good.

As summer draws to an end and fall starts, that's when the HOG chapter gets kicked into high gear. At the last HOG meeting we had a couple of very special guests. We had persons from Service Paws, and one of the dogs that is currently being trained for placement into the custody of a physically challenged individual. They need our help. The cost to train one special dog for placement is \$15,000. On Saturday October 18th, they will be having the first annual "Ididawalk for Service Paws". The HOG chapter will be there to show our support. The walk will be at

Health Park on 39th Ave. Cost is \$20. Walk is 3.5 miles. Please plan on being there, bring a friend or two, to show your support for this worthwhile cause. We're asking that you wear some type of HOG clothing, e.g. a HOG chapter shirt, that will let others who are walking know that this is truly HOGs for dogs. For more information on the walk, please call 352-372-8531.

Keep an eye out for more information concerning events that will be sponsored by the HOG chapter. We will once

again this year have the benefit ride for the Altrusa House of Gainesville. This ride is scheduled for November 16th.

As always, please let me know if you have any suggestions for the HOG chapter.

Ride safe

Joan



Gainesville Harley Owners Group – Help Wanted

by Grant Thrall, GF HOG Webmaster and Road Captain

High level of enthusiasm required to compensate for no pay. Make job application to Joan Brewer at lizzie@gru.net

Activities Director. Job starts January 2004. Responsibility includes ride organization such as poker runs, dinner rides, organizing road captains to lead rides, and organizing other activities in cooperation with Gainesville Harley-Davidson.

Newsletter Editor. Job starts January 2004. Responsibility includes publishing the Gainesville HOG Newsletter every other month. Authoring and editing stories of local interest – and getting others, to author articles. Updating the HOG events calendar. Organizing printing, mail labels, and mailing.

Secretary/Treasurer. Job starts January 2004. Responsibility includes all those things that secretaries and treasurers need to do, such as keeping the bank accounts, paying bills, etc. If you can't balance your own checkbook, don't apply for this job.

Webmaster. Job starts January 2004. Responsibility includes HTML programming, web page design, and creation of content. Several web pages updates each week are required, such as when breaking news happens or last minute activity announcements or changes.

Summer Vacation – It's Riding Time

by Susan Thrall and Grant Thrall

Vail Colorado is our annual vacation destination. Things could be worse! We are trailer trash, preferring to use our vacation time for riding in the high mountains instead of the boring bits in between FL and CO – sorry Alabama.

Vail is the hub for our rides. We can ride east, we can ride west – it's all up to us to decide. Whichever way we ride, each ride is better than the last. We have done this for years. Once upon a time, we seemed to be the only riders in the high mountains – well, almost the only ones.



Every few days we would see a Harley or two. Now, high mountain life has changed. Summer in the mountains is almost like Biketoberfest. Still, there are plenty of opportunities to get away from the main traveled road. Our photos tell that story.

On every ride expect changing weather. It can be snowing at the 12,000-foot pass, and 90 degrees on the country road at the bottom of the valley - rain, sun, snow and always-fantastic scenery.







Women Riders – Something just for us!

A message from newsletter editor, Susan Thrall

The November/December newsletter will focus on ***real*** women riders - real people riding real bikes. Women, now is the time to write your stories, and share your stories with our fellow HOG riders in the next newsletter.

Some hints of points you could include:

- Why do you ride?
- How did you begin?
- Who was the most help to you?
- How long have you ridden?
- What was your first motorcycle?
- What is your current (Harley) ride?
- What gottahaves do you list for a motorcycle – saddlebags, windshield, floorboards?
- What keeps you riding?

Make your stories about half a page – longer OK, but might be edited down to fit in space available. You must be a woman, a Harley owner and rider, and a current member of Gainesville HOG to have your story published. Send your stories to the newsletter editor, Susan, at links@afn.org All stories must be received before October 10, 2003, to be included in the November/December 2003 Newsletter.



September

						
Sun		Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
7	8	2	3	4	5	6 Florida vs Miami Tailgate Party at Dealership
14	15	9	10	11 Dinner Ride to Floyd's in High Springs	12	13
21	22	16 Dinner Ride. Leave dealership at 6:30	17	18	19	20
28	29	23	24	25	26	27 Party & Performance Fair, Bike Show, and Dyno Shoot- out at Dealership
28	29	30				

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October

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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 Dinner Ride. Leave dealership at 6:30	22	23 HOG meeting at dealership 6:30	24	25 Halloween Party at dealership – Wear your costume!
26	27	28	29	30	31	
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*Check your email, our Gainesville HOG website at www.gfhog.cjb.net,
or call the dealership for times and more information.



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