



# The Florida Gator Tale

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## Feature Article

### **The North Georgia Classic**

*Riding the Blue Ridge Mountains of N GA, W NC and S TN*

*By Tom Blake*

*[Ed: Since my [motorcycle dashcam](#) recorded our ride together, Tom extracted several still photos from the video files for his report. They're the tilted, slightly reddish ones...]*

So you arrive in [Helen](#) late in the afternoon in mid-April, a day ahead of the rally's start, and check into the host hotel. By dinner time, several more eager riders have arrived. Motorcycling stories ensue in the parking lot and several of you decide to walk the short distance downtown for some good German or Mexican chow and a libation or two. Next morning you are up and fed. By 8:30 or 9:00, the temperature is up to about 50 and you are ready to go riding. There is any number of places to go. Below are several of my personal favorites.



Helen, Georgia's Alpine Village

At the top of my list is lunch at the [Nantahala Outdoor Center](#) (NOC) in NC and going by way of Wayah Road is a good option. Take GA 17 north over the mountain. It's plenty twisty and steep with its share of tar snakes so take it easy the first time over. Then hop on US 76 east to Clayton. For me, this section of 76 is an excellent highway to begin re-adjusting your mind and muscle memory... getting the *rhythm* of mountains going again after so much time in FL. At Clayton, turn north on US 23/441 toward Franklin, NC and then take US 64 west.



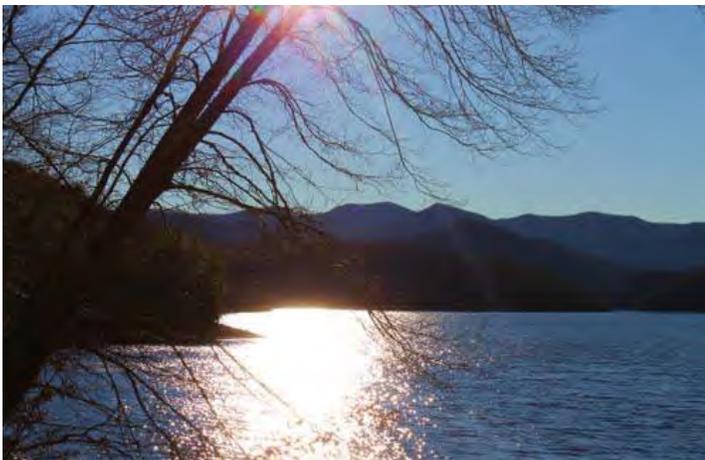
Wayah Rd. to US 19/74 and the Nantahala Outdoor Center

Access Wayah Rd from US 64 about 4 miles west of 441. The road meanders past an [LBJ Jobs Corp](#) campus and then climbs steeply into the mountain and descends past very picturesque [Nantahala Lake](#) to US 19/74 in the [Nantahala Gorge](#). Take 19 east about 8 miles along the river to the NOC. Estimate about 3 hours plus breaks for the whole journey.



Heading up the mountain on Wayah Rd (Photo: Don Moe)

Wayah is a good workout with plenty of second gear switchbacks, dips, climbs and twists. Downstream of the lake, it also has some extremely tight turns onto bridges that come into view suddenly. And not all of the pavement is in the greatest condition. So it is wise to ride a bit conservatively and stay alert. By contrast, the ride along the Nantahala River in the gorge is utterly relaxing and pleasant as you meander along the river's rapids.



Sunset on Nantahala Lake



Nantahala River rapids

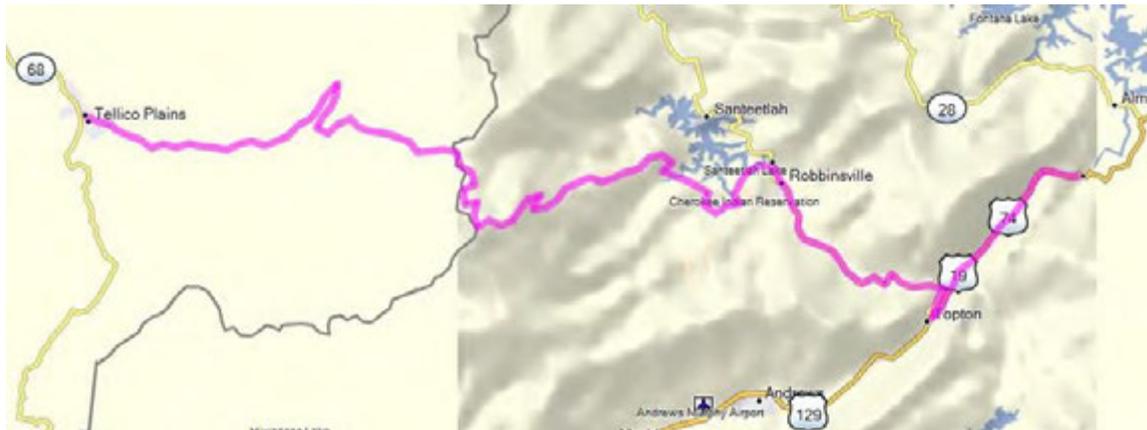
The Nantahala Outdoor Center's setting is picturesque and inviting. In fact, this is one of my favorite places in the world. I never miss a chance to stop here and enjoy watching the kayakers, rafters and even the ducks playing in the cold water. After a hearty lunch at the [River's End Restaurant](#) overlooking the river, it's next

door to the well-stocked outdoor gear and apparel store for a good look around. Then walk over the foot bridge and down by the water to soak in a bit of the place's tranquility.



The Nantahala River and Outdoor Center – restaurant is on right, foreground, the outdoor store is beyond the foot bridge on the right

That done, some may want to head for the [Cherohala Skyway](#). Point your bike west on US19 and as you come up out of the gorge, turn right on US 129 and head for [Robbinsville](#). Just a little north of town, turn west on NC 143 and you will soon be on the Skyway.



NOC to Tellico Plains via Robbinsville and the Cherohala Skyway

This is one of the best rides in the eastern US. The Robbinsville end of 143 is very technical. But then it opens up and allows you to build some speed as you ascend the mountain. Depending upon conditions, you may ride up into a cloud and then come out into clear skies near the summit. Once on the TN side, the route number changes to 165 as you descend into [Tellico Plains](#). From end to end the Skyway is close to 50 miles of superb tarmac and beautiful scenery.



On the Cherochala Skyway

(Photos: Google Earth)

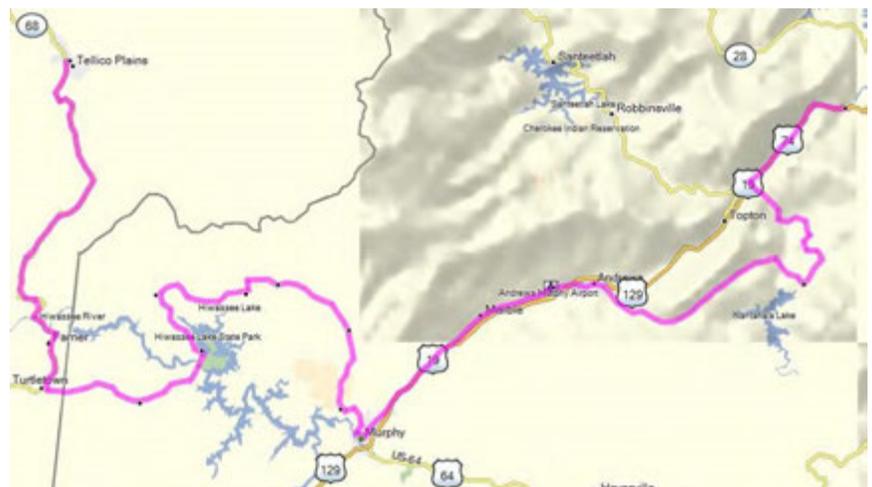
I particularly enjoy the high speed sweepers on the eastern ascent (even better on descent). There are numerous pull outs for great views although, truthfully, you may be having too much fun to stop. In Tellico Plains, take a break at either of two convenience stores. Other smiling riders are usually there and anxious to share experiences.



More Skyway pictures

(Photos found on the Internet)

There is another route to Tellico Plains from the NOC that is a ton of fun but little known. Head west on US19 to Wayah Rd. Go south about 10 miles to Junaluska Road. Take Junaluska, a very nice, little trafficked meandering two-lane down out of the mountain west through Andrews. Cross US129 onto Airport Rd and continue west. Pick up 129 and then jump onto the 129 bi-pass into Murphy.



NOC to Tellico Plains via Murphy and Hiwassee Dam



US 19 along the Nantahala River



Heading down the mountain on Junaluska Rd

In downtown Murphy, turn right (west) onto Tennessee St. It becomes Joe Brown Hwy once across the bridge and you then start gaining elevation. This is where it really gets interesting. Follow Joe Brown to the blinking caution light (roughly 2 miles) and turn right on Hanging Dog Road. This is a great ride. Follow Hanging Dog about 5 miles and then bear left onto Beaver Dam Road at the Crawford's Campground sign. It will T-bone back into Joe Brown in about 7 miles.



Joe Brown Road



Beaver Dam Road

Go right on Joe Brown another 4 miles to the stop sign and take the left onto the [Hiwassee Dam](#) Access Road. Follow it to the dam. Spend a minute or two in the parking lot to take in Hiwassee Lake. Then cross the dam and turn right (north) onto GA 294 which becomes TN 123. This leads to TN 68 which goes north to Tellico Plains (or south to GA). Altogether, it's about a 115 mile run on really entertaining roads.



Hanging Dog Rd

(Photos: Don Moe)



Lake Hiawassee and TVA hydroelectric dam



(Photos found on the Internet)

You have options for leaving Tellico Plains. One is the Skyway, of course. Another is to head south on 68 – perhaps all the way to Morganton, GA and GA 60 (described below). A third is to go north and east through the [Tail of the Dragon](#) and then back south on US 28. I don't recommend the Dragon on weekends – too much congestion and maniacs including, now, the sports car crowd.

For the Dragon, head east on TN 165 about a mile and turn north on TN 360. Follow it to US 411, then in just a few miles right to TN 72. Turn south on 72 to US 129 along the southwest edge of the [Great Smokey Mountain National Park](#) and through the Tail of the Dragon to [Deal's Gap](#). TN 360 and 72 are very pleasant 2-laners with plenty of water views. The same for US 129 approaching the Dragon.

After the obligatory stop and perhaps fuel at Deal's Gap, turn east on US 28. You will find 28 to have all you could want in a mountain highway. Follow it across [Fontana Dam](#) and all the way to US 19/74. Just keep an eye out for the Swain County deputy. Turn east about 4 miles and then south on 28 again at the gas station. This becomes extremely (but pleasantly) gnarly for a ways and finally comes into Franklin, NC where you can hop on US23/441 south into GA. Estimate 3 hours plus break time.



Tellico Plains, TN to Franklin, NC via the Dragon, Deal's Gap and Fontana Dam

GA 60 between Morganton and Suches is an experience that you don't want to miss. The road surface is good and you can carry good speed. I love this road. It is exciting from end to end. The northern section nearer Morganton has some excellent sweepers. Those in the mountain nearer Suches are tighter. Apart from the wide variety of curves, ascents and descents there are also some really pictorial meadows and farmland to enjoy in

between. It has everything and is on my 'to do' list every time I'm in the area. In fact, I usually ride it multiple times over the course of the 3 days.



GA 60 between Morganton and Suches



(Photos: Don Moe)



GA 60 from Morganton through Suches to US 19 above Dahlonega

Suches is most notably known to motorcyclists as the location of the Two Wheels Only (TWO) campground and the western terminus of GA 180. [Two Wheels of Suches](#) is the rebirth of TWO. The entrance and main parking area are now concrete. Inside, the café is cleaner and less cluttered. The coffee and food are good. Outside, the property is clean and nicely manicured. There's usually a crowd of motorcyclists around – either camping, eating or just taking a break and enjoying the mountain air.



More GA 60 between Morganton and Suches (Photo: Don Moe)

From Suches, you can continue south on 60 to US 19, take GA 180 east (see below) or turn around and go back toward Morganton. 60 south is an entertaining road – a virtual paradise of twists and turns. The views off the mountain are spectacular if you are of a mind to take a peek. Then turn left on 19 to attack [Blood Mountain](#) (also below) or to head to Cleveland. Or go right to Dahlonega.



GA 60 south of Suches (Photo: Google Earth)

GA 180 is another good ride. It's called Wolf Pen Gap Road over to 129 adjacent [Vogel State Park](#) and is the more challenging half. The section near Vogel is steep and twisty and will absolutely get your attention. Then

turn north a couple miles on 129 and east again. Follow the eastern section over to US 17 south of Hiawassee.



GA 180 from Suches to GA 17 and the 180 Spur (north) to Brasstown Bald

[Brasstown Bald](#) is the highest point in GA and the visitor center can be accessed via the 180 Spur to the north. At the summit there's an observatory with great views outside and local history exhibits inside. It's said that on a clear day you can see Atlanta from up there.



On Wolf Pen Gap Rd (GA 180) near Suches



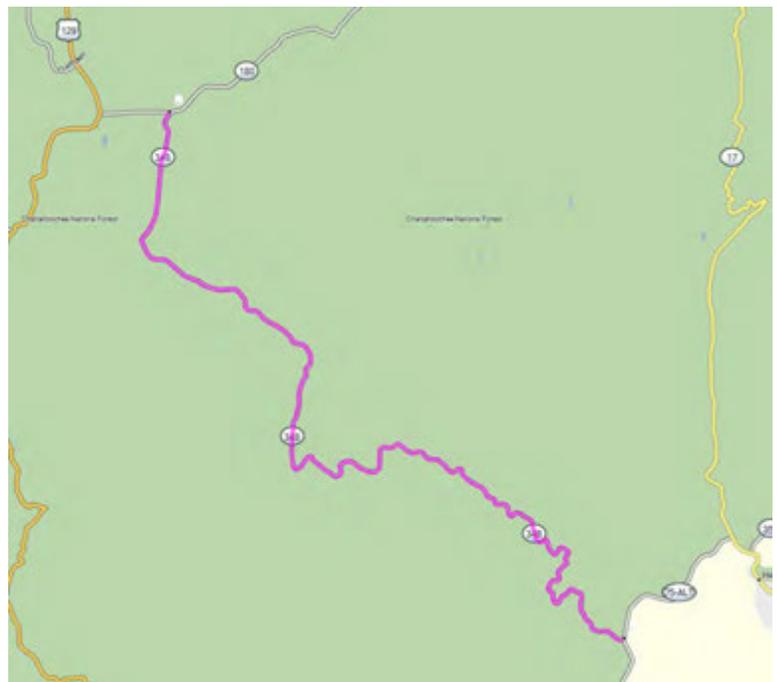
Brasstown Bald Observatory (Photo: WikiWand)

US 129 over Blood Mountain will test your mettle. It's steep and curvy including numerous lower gear switchbacks. On weekends, there's always a crowd of motorcyclists on it so it's also patrolled. Up at the summit, the [Appalachian \(hiking\) Trail](#) crosses 129 and [Neel's Gap Store](#) has a good selection hiking gear, apparel and other interesting goods – worth a look. The tree in front has hundreds of discarded hiking boots dangling from its limbs. There's usually a crowd of friendly riders in the parking lot. And, if nothing else, you can just stand there and listen to bikes racing up to the top. Access it on the north end from Blairsville or from GA 180 where it intersects 129. From the south come through Dahlonega, with its gold mining history, or Cleveland.



US 129 over Blood Mountain – 180 to 60 highlighted

Now finally, the icing on the riding cake -- the [Richard B. Russel Scenic Highway](#), aka GA 348. It is just thrilling! While only about 14 miles long, it's the perfect exclamation point to a great day of mountain riding. I prefer to run it west to east because the eastern descent out of the mountain has an excellent road surface and is just an incredible succession of fast sweeps. Access it south of Blairsville from GA 180 about a mile east of US 129. It terminates at GA 75 ALT just west of Helen.



GA 348 – the Richard B. Russell Scenic Highway

The eastern descent is where you may want to put all of the mountain-riding techniques you've been practicing all day into play. Balls of your feet on the pegs. Smoothly slow to a safe corner entry speed, engine in its power band. Light power back on to set the suspension. Set up wide for maximum view into the curve at entry. Lean well forward and into the curve to unweight your arms and wrists allowing you to guide the bike tenderly, feeling the front tire's feedback while leaned over.

Identify and intensely concentrate on precisely hitting the optimum out-in-out track through the apex to the exit. Expect, and stay alert for hazards. Apply power smoothly after the apex. Then repeat as you challenge sweeper after sweeper all the way to the bottom of that glorious mountain roadway. **What a rush!**

I live to challenge curves. But for me, it's all about technique, concentration, precision and smoothness - not reckless speed.

So back in Helen now... it's time to get to your hotel, put the bike to bed, change into street clothes and begin the tall tales down in the parking lot. Continue through dinner at a nice restaurant in town and wash it all down with your favorite brew.

Back to the hotel for more camaraderie. Then finally to bed. Next morning...

ready to ride, select a route and get going. Enjoy, but please, ride safely and respectfully.

One final note on the [North Georgia Classic](#) in Helen... if you are a fan of mountain riding, this general area of the [Blue Ridge](#) is arguably the best place to ride in the southeastern US. April is the perfect time of year to be there if you don't mind that the trees haven't greened up yet. Winter temperatures are moderating but still cool. It's too early yet for the crowds that make driving through towns impossible and on the highways maddening. Helen is a small community so walking to and from a variety of decent restaurants and watering holes is easy.

The only downside is that April can also be a bit unpredictable weather-wise. 2016 was perfect – no rain, no fog, cool mornings, lower 70's by afternoon. 2015 was just a little cooler daytime due to the overcast. Rain threatened but did not impact riding. We had a great time. The good news is that room reservations can be made and cancelled, if necessary (you should probably verify that).

If Mother Nature cooperates, it's definitely one of the best *just for fun* events going. Officially, it's a Friday – Sunday event. Most folks get there Friday and leave Sunday. For me though, it's about an 11-hour slog. So I prefer going up Thursday and coming home Monday. Make the most of it. Guten Tag, ya'll.



Descending the Richard B Russell Scenic Highway (Photo: Don Moe)



## ***SAFETY TALK***

***IMPORTANT NOTICE: Ultimately, the safety of motorcycle riders and their passengers is their own responsibility. Nothing presented in the column supersedes, negates or relieves a motorcyclist and/or passenger from assumption of personal responsibility for their actions and safety.***

### ***Safety Mindset***

I've been writing this column now for the past couple of years. We've explored technical issues, gear (ATGATT!), riding proficiency, etc. This month I want to talk a little about the most important piece of safety equipment for any rider; the gear between their ears.

The other day I was out riding and a bike went past me in the other direction. I always take note of what another rider is wearing, just for my own interest. In this case, the rider was wearing shorts, sneakers, a short sleeve T-shirt, fingerless gloves, a ball cap and...wait for it...a bright green safety vest. Really? What kind of a zombie-mummified brain function does it take to think that throwing a safety vest over your barely there clothes will keep you safe?

I also don't understand why riders strap the helmet on their bike, instead of on their head. My wife has a theory that they promised their family they would ride with a helmet, then take it off as soon as they are around the corner from the house.

There is a saying going around (Paraphrased): "Motorcycling is not in itself dangerous. However, it is extremely unforgiving of ignorance or stupidity." To this I would add "...or a lack of preparation". Part of preparation is a safety mindset.

What is a safety mindset? It is the idea that whenever you start to think about going for a ride, the FIRST part of the preparation is thinking about safety.

Even as I write this, I'm thinking about going for a ride this morning. I've been dealing with a minor back sprain for the last couple of days, and my first mental exercise is asking myself if I'm healed and ready to ride.

Am I mentally prepared to ride? What is the weather like? What will the traffic conditions be when I get on the bike at (pick an hour of the day)? Have I done all the pre-ride checks, ensuring the bike is ready and safe to ride? Is all my riding gear ready?

A safety mindset means that staying safe is always foremost in your riding thought process. It is not an afterthought or an "Oh, by the way..." moment.

Even after you are on the bike and riding, safety should continue to be the first consideration. A rider should continuously evaluate riding conditions, traffic, environmental changes, to ensure their safety. Does that take all the fun out of riding? On the contrary, ensuring the ride is safe means being able to consciously relax and enjoy the moment.

There is one more thought about a safety mindset. Never ignore the little voice in the back of your head when it comes to safety. If the little voice is murmuring that something is not right with the idea of riding, your bike, the ride itself, then listen to it.

Thinking safety and making it part of your riding routine will help keep you in one piece out there!

**Ride Safe in 2016!**

***Doug Westly* – Safety Editor**

## Florida News

### South Director's Report

AHHHH, THE RAINY SEASON HAS BEGUN... "IT'S GETT'N HOT IN HERE... LET'S TAKE OFF ALL OUR CLOTHES"... (WHAT?!?)

How'd that rap verse get here...? ATGATT!!

Another month of great riding for us lucky Floridians!! Have you've been watching the weather everywhere else?? Let's hope our little bit of good fortune continues throughout the hurricane season!!

This month, we had our usual lunch rides. First up, Teresa and the Central Gang made their way to beautiful Lake Weir and dined at Gator Joe's! Her report will follow... The following weekend, the Southies and then some, made our way to the shores of Lake Okeechobee to feast at Lightsey's Fish Co. and Seafood!! (spot the trend??) Seventeen of us made our usual low key presence (ha!!) felt and we were rewarded with good service and fine food. This was to be a farewell lunch ride for this destination, as the land under them has been leased to the [Guy Harvey Outpost Resorts](#). Lightsey's will continue to operate when they move in-town during the month of June. And, the renovations to the marina and surrounding area begin soon. The Outpost hopes to complete their project by spring of 2017! We'll keep you posted. Check out the photos from this ride on our site! We continue to add shots after every ride, thanks to Jim Park and Don Moe!! Click on the [PHOTO link](#), and then on the "[chain link](#)" in the lower right corner.

We had riders from all four compass points, and many made their way all around the lake by the time they rolled into their driveways. Fortunately, we had an early arriver, Jim Park, who commandeered the best table for us. Despite three planning calls, we were almost trumped by another group who showed up without notice!! Some things are just meant to happen!! We had another successful 50/50 raffle, with Rich Peabody taking his half home!! We added \$26.00 to our pot, which totals \$689.50!!

As always, a BIG THANKS to all who participate!!

### What's Next??

Leading the special month of June, Teresa has the first BRUNCH RIDE of the season. Make your calendars for June 11<sup>th</sup>, and remember, our brunches start at 9:30AM to maximize the fun and minimize the heat factor!! The following Saturday, join me and Southies as we head to Lake Placid to feast at [Main Street America An Eatery](#)!! This place is popular, so get there early, and remember...CASH ONLY!!

We have the dates posted for the summer long brunch schedule. We'll have locations posted very soon. Check in often!

### THE SPECIAL EVENT OF THE MONTH IS OUR ANNUAL RALLY—STAR 2016!!

You can register for this event right up to the start day, Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup>!! And, you can buy tickets for the TWO raffle bikes both before AND during the week, leading up to the drawing on Wednesday night at the end of the banquet. By now, you've read about the location and the agenda in the STARreview and online!! This



Van VanSteelant



will be a spectacular event, in an area of the country we've never rallied in! Get all the details at our National site, [ridemsta.com](http://ridemsta.com) LOTS of volunteer work goes into organizing and running this event. You owe it to yourself and the volunteers to get there; and lend a hand while you're there.

Believe me, sitting in for somebody for just a half hour will make a big difference in their day!!

SEE YOU ALL THERE!!!

## **Membership News**

I look forward to a new report very soon!! And, we'll have even more news coming out of the Membership Meeting during STAR! Stay tuned!!

As a heads up to all, be sure to forward any new email addresses or changes to Michael Tissandier [membership@ridemsta.com](mailto:membership@ridemsta.com). He then forwards the info to the various State Directors, VP's, and EC, as well as our newsletter editor.

## **Random Ramblings!**

Well, STAR 2016 is coming... Just get there... You'll never miss another one, or you'll be heartbroken when you do... I have stories...!!

### **THANK-YOUs ARE IN ORDER...**

To **Jim Park**, for his consistency and support of our presence on our National site and Facebook page. And, for many of the great photos on our own website, and the National sites. Check them out!!

To **Don Williams**, who not only wins our raffles with great frequency, but, is also the biggest contributor to the pot!! And if you read the "fine print" in my reports, you'd know that he often donates his winnings right back to the club!!

To **Doug Westly**, for his years of contributions to our Gator Tale Safety Talk! I know how busy this guy and his lovely better half are throughout the year. We are blessed to have his learned insight available every month!!

To **Don Moe**, also for his years as our Newsletter Editor. Don't ever take this Newsletter for granted!! Look around the MSTAs for other State newsletters... When you find them, compare them to ours!! Don has managed to put together a terrific publication 12 times a year, for years. Even when he's on the open road for 3-4 months, he doesn't miss a beat!

To **Teresa Vipond**, for her efforts to increase the participation of our membership in a large part of the State!!

Last, but not least, to all of you who take the time to send your comments and suggestions to me/us!! They are most welcome!! Remember, this is YOUR club, and to make it better often lies with the membership rather than the leadership.

I thank you all for your support!!

Ride well! Ride often! Do it safely!!

ATGATT Van

MSTA Florida State Co-Director

## Central Director's Report

A total of 12 riders showed up for the nice weather & great views of Lake Weir at Gator Joe's on May 7<sup>th</sup>. The long-distance riders were Steve Albert from Tallahassee & Steve Evans from Lake City.



This past Saturday at '[Riding Into History](#)', we met up with Florida members Bill & Nicole Rorke, Phil Ridgdill, Norm Nelson, and Texas members, Brad & Cinda Mobley.

Norm's 1911 Reading Standard attracted a lot of attention. It was fun to watch his (several) attempts to pedal-start it! He'll be riding it 3400 miles in 16 days as part of an upcoming Cannonball run. You can follow the adventures of Norm & the other riders at [motorecyclecannonball.com](http://motorecyclecannonball.com).

Here's what's up for the next two brunch rides...



### Central Florida June Brunch Ride:

Saturday, **June 11<sup>th</sup>**, 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM,

[Red Wing Restaurant](#), 12500 FL-33, Groveland, FL 34736 ☎352-429-2997 ([map](#))

I've been told this is a good spot. It was on the schedule last Sept., but that day was a rain-out.

### Central Florida July Brunch Ride:

Saturday, **July 9<sup>th</sup>**, 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM,

[Country Angels](#), 122 Commonwealth Ave N, Polk City, FL 33868 ☎863-984-1047 ([map](#))

They offer hearty breakfast choices in their private dining room.

Teresa Vipond, DeLand

MSTA Florida State Co-Director

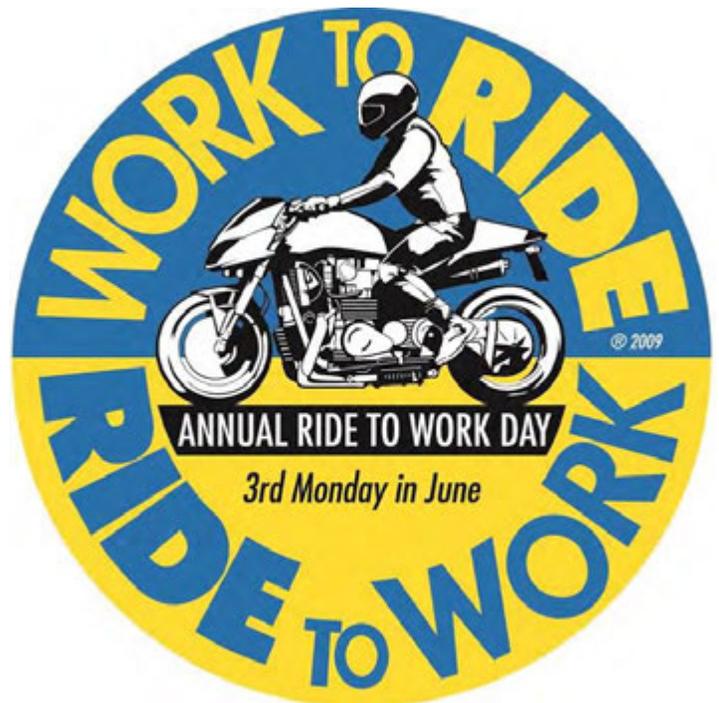
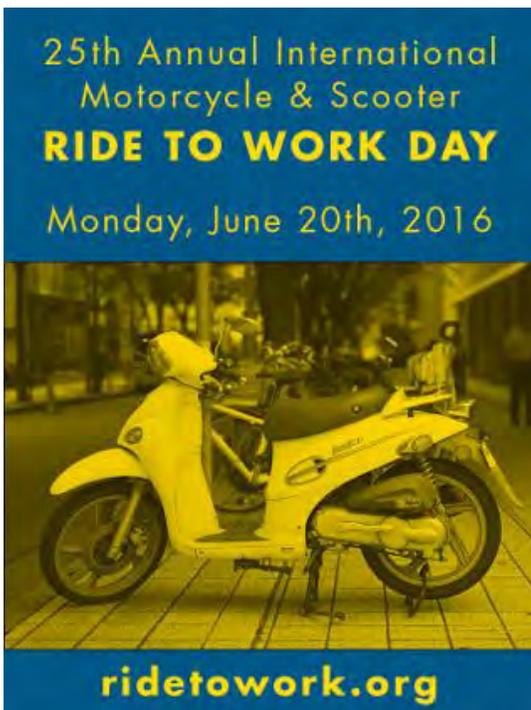
## **Member Comment**

**Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, is the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Motorcycle & Scooter Ride-To-Work Day!**

**Ride your motorcycle or scooter on this day to 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 and parking congestion in large cities.
- 🏍 That motorcycles are for transportation as well as recreation.
- 🏍 That motorcycling is a social good.

Click on either graphic or the link to visit the [Ride To Work](#) website to learn more:



## **Florida Rides This Month**

### **Important Note**

Always remember to check the Florida MSTAs [Event Calendar](#) and/or your email for updates on scheduled rides. Changes in times, dates, and especially locations are often out of our control and with short notice.

### **MSTA Florida Central Brunch Ride**

When: Sat., **June 11<sup>th</sup>**, 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Where: [Red Wing Restaurant](#), 12500 FL-33, Groveland, FL 34736 ☎352-429-2997 ([map](#))

Description: I've been told this is a good spot. It was on the schedule last Sept., but that day was a rain-out.

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### **MSTA Florida South Brunch Ride**

When: Sat., **June 18<sup>th</sup>**, 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Where: [Main Street America An Eatery](#), 22 S Main Ave, Lake Placid, FL 33852 ☎863-465-7733 ([map](#))

Description: It's been a while since we had brunch here!! Great area for riding, always good service and great food!! Remember, they only take CASH!!

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## **Future Florida Events**

Note that the future ride events are included to facilitate longer term planning. The destinations and/or dates may be changed just before the ride dates. Please check the Florida MSTAs [Event Calendar](#) for possible updates.

### **MSTA Florida Central Brunch Ride**

When: Sat., **July 9<sup>th</sup>**, 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Where: [Country Angels](#), 122 Commonwealth Ave N, Polk City, FL 33868 ☎863-984-1047 ([map](#))

Description: They offer hearty breakfast choices in their private dining room.

Contact: Teresa Vipond [termayn@gmail.com](mailto:termayn@gmail.com) or ☎713-504-5763

### **MSTA Florida South Brunch Ride**

When: Sat., **July 16<sup>th</sup>**, 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Where: [Two Peas Cafe](#), 870 W Hickpochee Ave #500, LaBelle, FL 33935 ☎863-675-2891 ([map](#))

Description: Join us for a return to our Labelle-feasting-roots!! In the tradition of the beloved Flora and Ella's, the Granddaughter of Ella and her lifelong friend have opened their own restaurant to carry on the good old home style cooking we know and love!!

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## Upcoming Regional Events

### BIG LYNN LODGE RIDE

When: Fri.–Sun., July 22<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>

Where: [Big Lynn Lodge](#), Highway 226A, Little Switzerland, NC 28749 ☎800-654-5232 ([map](#))

Description: The Big Lynn Lodge is located in/near Little Switzerland, NC and is literally hanging on the side of the mountain right on NC-226A. You will be AMAZED at the view and you will be ASTONISHED by the roads! The riding is what I go there for but the scenery and the location is what has me staying.

Contact: David Brickner, [brick@ncwireless.net](mailto:brick@ncwireless.net) or ☎828-448-5429

More Info: [msta-se.com/BLynn/](http://msta-se.com/BLynn/)

For additional Florida events and information, [click here](#) to see the Florida MSTA website's Events page.

The Florida MSTA chapter also has a presence on Facebook with upcoming events and past photos: [click here](#).

The MSTA National website has extensive event information:

- 🏍 For the sanctioned events: [click here](#).
- 🏍 For Just-For-Fun events in 2016: [click here](#).
- 🏍 For STAR 2016 in Vermont: [click here](#).

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