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Feature Article

46 days – Getting to and – then after – STAR 2016

By Dianne & Jim Park

[Ed: All photos by Jim Park. Most photos link to larger versions.]

It was supposed to be 51 days, but I am getting way ahead of myself. Sunday, June 12th, we left bright and early – bright meaning, after a bit of negotiation, instead of leaving at 0 dark thirty – there was daylight, and therefore a PICTURE. So after picture, nothing left to do but get on the bikes and go! Yippee!

First day, long and hot, getting out of Florida – nothing new there, but that night's stop brought notification of



Ready to go!

some vendor/speaker changes so most of dinner was interspersed with phone calls and new arrangements. (Oh no, I thought everything was already done! But within the next several days it came together). The following night was relaxing and fun in Waynesville, NC – such a neat town. And that meant a very short hop, skip and jump onto the [Blue Ridge Parkway](#) the next morning. Definitely in contention for my favorite place on earth! And timing was such that [Mt. Pisgah Inn](#) worked great for lunch. We continued north on the parkway for the next couple of days, next destination being a much anticipated five-day stay with (my) Dianne's niece and family in Carlisle, PA. We had gone through some heavy rain that morning and within about 20 miles before getting to Carlisle, I commented that it was starting to raining again – but the sun was out and no real signs of rain. Jim said “No, it's not.” I said, “Yes, it is”. Oh, wait a minute; this rain is



View during lunch at Mount Pisgah Inn

greasy on my glove after wiping my face shield... not good! I will skip most of the next hour's worth of details and how Jim had me convinced that each time we stopped I should not use my brakes!!! because it could be brake fluid that was "raining" on me. Bottom line, after the first dealership (right down the road from where we had managed to stop) told him they couldn't look at the bike until July 12th – STAR would have come and would be long gone by then, ... Jim located a dealership eight miles from my niece's house. ☺ Super place! If you are ever in central PA and need a great dealership, we can highly recommend [Moto-Vation](#). We quickly learned that it was not brake fluid, but radiator fluid that was shooting everywhere. Yea, I could have braked after all. So the dealership very graciously kept my bike (while they ordered a new radiator) the whole time we visited with all of my family, 15 of us in all, for the next five days. We had lost an hour of visiting time on the front end, but while waiting for the dealership to open, gained two hours on the leaving end. Not bad! Nearly \$1,000 and two hours later than originally planned, we are off to meet Dennis and Donna Villarose at the Hershey Diner, about an hour down (actually up –north) the road.

After breakfast and way too much traffic on I-81, near Scranton, PA, we got onto some really nice back roads for the rest of the day. Jim and Dennis had done some research for our first night's stop. Because there really was not much around for accommodations along our route, both had come up with the same town in Upstate New York for our destination for the day. They had a place in mind to stay but while the pictures on-line looked good, oh my goodness NOT good! What they quoted for the night at \$90, I would not have paid \$25! With everyone in instant agreement, we rode maybe another mile, thinking there is going to be nothing for miles and miles, and Jim is pulling into what appeared to be a dead end street. I couldn't really tell when we

made the turn. But much to my surprise, there was a really neat B&B. It did not take long for all of us to feel really thankful that we did not attempt to settle for the other place. It was just a short walk along a golf course to a nice dinner spot vs the smoky bar for dinner at the first place. What really made the stay memorable, even more than the historic ambiance of the living room or the individual guest rooms was having total access to their kitchen – where we made a delicious after-dinner coffee – the kind where you heat the water, add the coffee grounds to the water and press the grounds through! We got to repeat the coffee "process" the next morning as part of a very, very



Albergo Allegria B&B Hotel

special and memorable breakfast. If ever in the area of Windham, NY, don't miss out on staying at [Albergo Allegria](#).

The next day's riding was very pleasant and basically uneventful except that we all got to see a bear, fairly close to the side of the road, and before going another mile, a deer about the same distance off the road. And then no more wildlife for weeks!

We arrived at [Stratton Mountain](#), unpacked, met up with the Stratton hotel coordinators, ironed out numerous details – or tried to, and then went to [Fire Tower Restaurant](#) to take them up on their gracious offer for discounts to the MSTA. They were waiting for us and treated us like royalty. Those discounts turned into several

appetizers and a bottle of wine, a nice welcome to the area! I hope many members were able to patronize the Fire Tower; it was the first place on the left at the top of the hill that had the fun welcome stand/sign for us. STAR was fun, fast paced, and for the most part things eventually came together (or didn't) with the hotel. Things are different in the mountains and at a ski resort! I will leave the rest of STAR details for those writing articles on STAR itself.

When Jim and I left Stratton on Thursday morning, we rode about an hour to a wonderful town, Middlebury, VT. Before we left home, Jim had found a Brew Tour "package" with the [Middlebury Inn](#) – imagine that! As it turned out, the town of Middlebury and the Middlebury Inn were the attractions. We had planned to rent bicycles and to bicycle to the 5-6 breweries within a five mile radius. Best laid plans Looking at one of the cute and colorful maps that popular towns and cities often have available, the two closest breweries looked like they were in walking distance. Note to self – upon reaching the edge of town – maps are not to "scale". No sidewalks in that direction, lots of traffic, not even appealing enough for following through and renting bicycles as planned, we skipped all but one of tastings and that was bourbon, not beer or wine! Aside from that change of plans, this town could not be more inviting or more charming. We extended our stay a few more days, had wine and cheese in the courtyard one evening, listened to some live bands across the street in the park, from the balcony of the Inn, walked the town umpteen times, including a "Where's Waldo" scavenger hunt that took the better part of a Saturday and totally exhausted both of us! We didn't win first place, but I got a "Where's Waldo" pin!



Middlebury, Vermont

We left Middlebury for our trek north, and soon came to Ben & Jerry's, had some ice cream, then took the tour where you get more ice cream! From there we worked our way through New Hampshire, enjoying the area called [Franconia Notch](#) and stumbled upon a wonderful stop for the evening called the [Woodwards Resort](#).



Checking out Ben & Jerry's

The next day we continued through New Hampshire, riding across the [Kancamagus Highway](#), going through Conway, North Conway and into Jackson, NH where we were excited to stop at a longtime favorite restaurant called [Yesterdays](#). After another enjoyable breakfast experience at Yesterdays, we went practically right next door and took a few minutes to walk around at one of our favorite destination spots, [The Wentworth Inn](#). From there we went to the entrance of [Mt. Washington](#). It was beautiful weather and I opted to hang out at the facility across the highway while Jim did what turned out to

be a very arduous trip to the top of Mt. Washington. The weather was perfect, the road conditions just fine, but the traffic was moving at a crawl. I enjoyed a short hike, a good cup of coffee and watching the traffic going to and returning from Mt. Washington.

From the Mt. Washington area, we rode north and east on the 4th of July and spent the night in Freeport, Maine. So much of the “focus” of the town is LL Bean and it was set up perfectly for bands and entertainment for July 4th with their *LL Bean Concert Series*.

From Freeport, we went on to [Bar Harbor](#). We had found a great spot about 15 years ago and were hoping to stay there again. We simply wanted one of the several motel rooms beside the B&B. The location was perfect, one block off of the main drag with all the bars and restaurants and a short distance to the gorgeous walking path around Bar Harbor – going behind the Inn and through some tree lined residential streets. Well they had a motel room available, but not for the three nights that we wanted to stay. All they had was a suite in the B&B, ground floor, corner and we said we would take it. What we didn't know, even after a quick glance at the room, was the exquisite wrap around porch that opened to one room only – ours! You can see this coming, right? – another afternoon of wine, cheese and crackers. Our first morning there, Jim got up early and rode up to [Cadillac Mountain](#) for some great photos.



Sunrise view from Cadillac Mountain

The next day we took the bus transportation and went into [Acadia National Park](#) with the many stop offs on the route and had a most enjoyable lunch at [Jordon Pond](#).

After Bar Harbor we had some serious riding ahead of us. While we had excellent weather so far, heading into Canada was overcast and chilly. We later learned that we had waved to Brick!! just after crossing the border into Canada. Crossing the border was a breeze, but the further north we went, the more it started to rain. We found a Ramada Inn in [Quispamsis](#), New Brunswick that was more like Marriott. It was brand new, huge rooms, very modern, and dry!!! We were so wet and it was still raining so hard, that I said I was skipping dinner. It just wasn't worth trying to go back out. (Actually that was after we had bundled up with rain gear to walk about a mile to some less than first choice food options. We had not walked 30 yards and it started raining so hard it was unbelievable. We turned around and went back to the room.) Poor Jim – he needed food and said he would get on the bike and try to find something. So, that was a first, Subway in our room!

The next morning was much nicer weather. We spent the day getting from New Brunswick to Nova Scotia and by mid/late afternoon we started looking for accommodations, but were not having any luck. Fog was setting in again, dense enough that it felt like rain. Around 6:00, tired and “rather damp” we get to an area called [Baddeck](#). Talk about an oasis in a desert. Jim pulls into this really nice looking resort. I am thinking, “Yeah, right!” And looking the way a long day and wet tends to make one look when riding, I hesitatingly opened the door to go inside to check on availability, prices, and really big on our agenda – a good restaurant. (Remember we had Subway – in our room – the night before!) I had barely opened the door and was welcomed warmly and asked, “Will you be checking in with us?” Nice place, me looking like a drowned cat. I said, “Well, hopefully,

but we don't have a reservation." And the rest of the answers were all the right ones. So we spent a couple of days at [The Inverary Resort](#) in Baddeck, Nova Scotia. We got up the next morning to overcast weather but started out for the [Cabot Trail](#) anyway. They were calling for rain! But, ... much to our total joy!!! ... it did not take long before it turned in a chamber of commerce weather day. Absolutely gorgeous! Check out this picture.



View along the Cabot Trail

After a couple of days in Baddeck, we had a long ride west, ... destination, [Old Quebec City](#). In order to get there, one pretty much had to take the ferry – a 2 hour and 20 minute ferry – to cross the [St. Lawrence River](#). What is the most memorable part of the ferry – with all the gorgeous scenery – which is now just everywhere – the ice cream! Indescribable! Well, I suppose the most memorable part is the size of the ferry and the way they get all the motorcycles, motorhomes, cars, big trucks, little trucks, etc. loaded on, ... and off. Talk about efficient! The ferry is like 5-6 stories high. You get off the bike and take an elevator (or steps) up, up, up.



Parking inside the ferry

The ferry deposits you in [Baie-Comeau](#). If there is a nice part of town, we really did not find it, but did find an acceptable motel and had a blast when we walked a short distance from the motel to a Greek restaurant, where we had Italian food, but no one spoke English – only French. It was a hoot. We had three servers all doing their best to speak with us. Dianne remembered a little French and one young girl knew a little English, and we actually got exactly what we wanted!

The next day was gorgeous riding – along the north side of the St. Lawrence River – with just exquisite scenery. I don't recall Jim being aware of another ferry coming up until we were almost on top of it and signs directing us where to go. It was wild. The road we were on took us into a fairly quaint but popular looking pretty little “seaside” type town and all of a sudden there was no more road – just a ferry opening. Thankfully, the timing was right and we drove right onto the back of the ferry. I think it took off within seconds of putting the side stands down. It was a short (15-minute) ferry ride and then back onto a road as if there was no water “interruption” in between!

From here we made our way to Quebec City – with no reservations and having had recent conversations with others on the first ferry that rooms would be \$400 and up a night in the old city. Thankfully Eric Milano with [MotoVermont](#) knew that we were headed to Quebec and while still at STAR had mentioned a place to Jim where he stays when in Quebec City. Thank you, Eric!!! Big time. Oh my goodness. Different country, big

city, traffic that knows where it's going, and goes there FAST! – we are on bikes, we don't know where we are going, beginning to get just a little “scary”, and Jim pulls right in. Well ok, he was one building away, but we got there. We never called the place until we were already in Quebec, and they had one room left. Thank you, God. We had this huge attic loft, like slept six people, living room, kitchen, neat bathroom, bedroom area! And if you didn't duck, every time you went from one area to the other, you would have (I would have – at 5'2”) hit your head. Was fun, but fortunately they had told us on the phone that while they had one room left, it was only for one night and then we would have to move to another room, but they would move our belongings. After lugging everything – all of our bags, jackets, helmets, etc. up three flights of steps – the top level was a tight spiral – we were receptive to them moving it to another room! We packed everything, but they moved it from the third floor to the first floor while we were out catching a walking tour of the city. And guess what, our downstairs room was right off of a very pretty courtyard. And guess what else – yep, cheese, crackers and wine one afternoon in the courtyard! The location of the hotel was unbelievable. From the hotel, we walked one block to a fabulous restaurant, and two more blocks to a huge Starbucks, which was at the start of a very popular street that was one restaurant or bar after another. And from the other end of that street, we were less than a one-mile beautiful walk to Old Quebec City and the fortress. Our first full day there, we woke up to fabulous weather and walked maybe a half mile to a gorgeous park for the start of a two-hour long walking tour. What fun. And how tiring! ☺ And then a great relaxing lunch in old town at the end of the tour.



Lunch in Quebec City



La Citadelle de Quebec

The next day we walked back to the fort and Jim took in the changing of the guards and [Plains of Abraham](#). After that tour we had lunch, and with Jim watching his diet, thought he was being “good” when he ordered [French Onion](#) soup – except that it was French Onion soup with bone marrow and sweet onion. Ask him if he would ever get it again! That was the only unusual food we had the entire trip. Then it was again negotiation time. By staying yet another day in Quebec, it meant having to skip Niagara Falls. We both wanted to stay. In fact, we enjoyed Quebec so much that it was sort of sad to leave. But the weather was perfect when we left fairly early on a Sunday morning. Can you guess what that means – virtually no traffic! We got out of the city really easily and headed south into New York. Again, crossing the border was completely a non-event – maybe because Jim picked an “out of the way” crossing location?

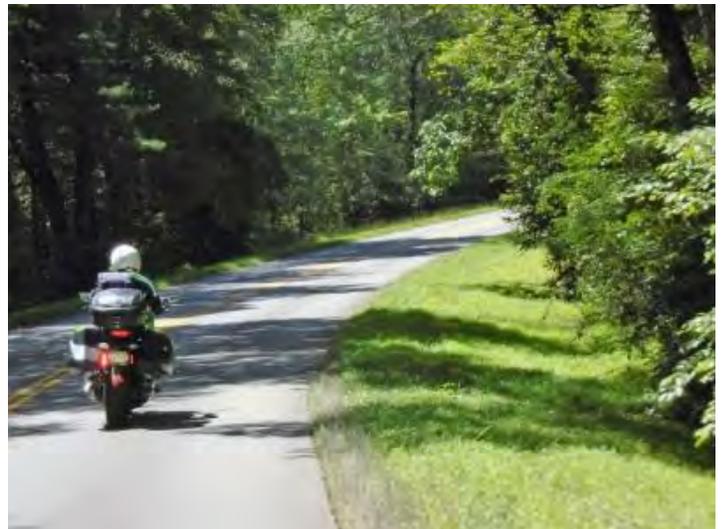
From New York we continued south into some beautiful country through Pennsylvania and saw some Amish buggies near the State College area. Somehow we continued to have fabulous weather, only just beginning to get a tad “too” warm. By late that afternoon we pulled into Front Royal – now getting downright hot – practically for the first time since leaving Florida. We spent the night there, met some nice motorcycle riders staying at the same hotel and then left the next morning to immediately get on the [Skyline Drive](#). The weather was ideal and if it was hot elsewhere, the Skyline was totally tree lined and the canopy effect kept things cool and comfortable all day long.

As you probably know, you just keep riding and the Skyline becomes the Blue Ridge Parkway and now we are really back to being in 7th Heaven again. We enjoyed every single mile of the shaded and beautiful Parkway for the next two days. When we got to [Peaks of Otter](#), the weather was so fabulous that we decided to spend a couple of days there enjoying the peaceful and beautiful surroundings.

When we left Peaks of Otter, our destination was [Little Switzerland](#) and the [Big Lynn Lodge](#) – almost literally on the Parkway – for Brick’s annual [MSTA event](#). The entire lodge eventually filled with our group as well as the overflow staying at another hotel nearby. We had perfect weather and such a great time. We were seeing friends and spending leisure time talking with some of the very same people we had seen several weeks before at STAR, but were just too busy taking care of details to be able to have the same kind of visit that the Big Lynn Lodge event provides.

We left BBL on Sunday morning with Joe and Anita Thomas and rode the Parkway south until we got to Mount Pisgah where we had a very enjoyable lunch and envied that Joe and Anita had just a very short ride from Mt. Pisgah Inn to get home. It wasn’t the short ride that we envied. We were happy to continue on the Parkway. What is enviable is that – they live there and are in that setting all year round!

We rode the Parkway to the south (west) end in Cherokee, NC and then made our way to Clayton, GA. We like this area and little town – a lot. So we spent a couple days there and would have stayed longer, but now the temperatures were really up there and the



Riding along the Blue Ridge Parkway

riding, wonderful as it is out of Clayton, was not the tree lined and shaded comfort of the Parkway, so we decided to just go ahead with the inevitable, and start heading home. Up early, leaving at 5:30 to beat some of the heat and stop early because if we left at 5:30 again the next morning, we would be home before noon – and we were – 10:15 AM and with overcast skies, so without the intense heat from the sun. What a wonderful and memorable trip! Let’s go do it again! (Poetic license taken for the many sentences that are lacking traditional sentence structure!)

[Many more photos from our tour in our [Flickr album](#).]

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.*

Risk Management

Our entire lives are an exercise in risk management. Do it smartly and you can successfully balance risk and all those other life agenda items (work, family, fun, etc.). Get it wrong and there can be significant negative consequences. Get it wrong in motorcycling and it can mean violating the laws...of physics. So how do we go about managing risk in motorcycling? First off, here are some general rules:

1. Know yourself...and be honest. Only you can admit to your own capabilities and limitations on two wheels. Once you can be honest with yourself about your riding, it will start to give you a valid assessment of the risks you face on two wheels.
2. Use that honesty to understand what you should, and more importantly shouldn't be doing when you ride. Don't let pride and competitiveness take over, or as my very smart wife says, "Don't let ego overcome ability!"
3. No means NO! If you ever say to yourself "I'm getting in over my head" while riding, then LISTEN to the little voice! There will always be someone faster, more skilled, more experienced or with better technique. Know when it becomes time to back off, or decline a ride.

As we gain experience and training, we tend to exercise that by expanding our riding envelope. Whether that is in group riding, long distance riding, solo riding, or on the track, with greater experience and expertise comes the natural effort to put those attributes to work. It's part of the thrill of riding.

However, as we push the envelope more, our risk heightens as well. Greater speed, distance and/or extreme riding mean greater risk. You can't just take advanced riding courses and expect your risk factor to go down, if you then push the envelope farther or faster. Managing risk is all about balance. You have to balance the risk with your experience, training and mindset. Most importantly, you have to realize that no matter how long you have been riding, what kind of training you have, or just generally how good a rider you think you are, the risk is still there.

Good risk management starts with an assessment EVERY time you get ready to ride. Some of the following comes from MSF and others are my own philosophy:

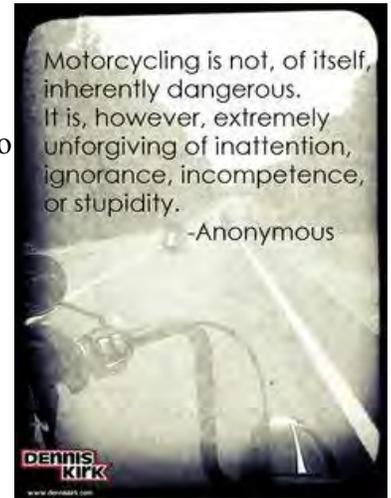
- 🏍️ Am I ready to ride?
- 🏍️ Is my bike ready to ride?
- 🏍️ Is the environment right for riding?
- 🏍️ Is it the right kind of ride for me?

If you can ask yourself these questions every time before you get on the bike, answer them honestly, then LISTEN to your answers, you can make smart decisions about the risk in your riding.

Smart riders know when to ride or not to ride. Smart riders know when to back off. And you know what? Other smart riders recognize your good decision making as well. Be a smart rider with your risk management.

Ride Safe in 2016!

Doug Westly – Safety Editor



[Graphic source](#)

Florida News

South Director's Report

AHHH, SUMMERTIME, AND THE LIVING IS EASY... JUST THINK, WE ARE ONLY HALF WAY THROUGH OUR "SUMMER" AND HURRICANE SEASON... KNOCK ON WOOD, WE'LL ENJOY ANOTHER YEAR WITHOUT A LAND-FALL STORM!!!

Meanwhile, we endure our hot and sticky environment, wear our vented gear, and go riding!!

We had another two brunch rides on the August schedule. Teresa will fill you in on the Central ride a little later. The Southies met up at a new-to-everybody location in Sebring!! We had to relocate to [Jimmy's Greek American Grill](#) after I had no luck contacting the original destination. Turns out, they used August to do some remodeling. All the better for Jimmy, as 16 riders made the ride for some truly tasty brunches!! We enjoyed their special attention and lots of good service!



Van VanSteelant



We were fortunate to have two new faces and two blasts from the past join us on Saturday. John and Ivan met me at our starting point after contacting Don Moe earlier this month. They fit right in with our group, as they also ride with the South Florida Riders. We hope to see them on a regular basis! In addition, we had two familiar faces resurface!! Rob, from Vero Beach, and Rick Lucas, from Jupiter Farms, made their first appearances in quite some time!! Glad to have them with us... Let's hope we see them a lot more often!!

With such a crowd, our 50/50 raffle was well received. We split the pot of \$50 with our winner, Becky DeShazo-Westly... who graciously donated her winnings back to the club!! A big THANKS to Becky, and to everyone who participates!! Our total now stands at \$739.50.

What's Next??

The Brunch rides continue, with Teresa and the Central gang heading to [Waller's Restaurant](#), in Bushnell, FL, on Sept. 10th! Save room in your saddle bag for some fresh baked goodies to bring home with you!! A week later, on Sept. 17th, you'll find the Southies at [Beef 'O' Brady's](#), in Clewiston, FL. Afterward, you might work off a bit of brunch with a ride around big Lake O!!

Looking ahead, we have dates, and several LUNCH destinations already on the calendar. As always, details, future events, and lots of other info are waiting for you on our TWO-TIME AWARD WINNING website!!

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Membership News

A mixed report here... A lot of work has been done by our magnificent Membership Director, Michael Tissandier!! He has spent weeks, really, of time, wrestling with our existing membership rolls and procedures. Fortunately, help and new systems are coming that should make a huge difference in his work load and how we can keep up with the members.

I am still working on securing a major update from him. Stay tuned, as it's a matter of technology and time at this point. You all will be the first to hear from me with any new news!!

Meanwhile, be sure to forward any new email addresses or changes to Michael Tissandier membership@ridemsta.com He then forwards the info to the various State Directors, VP's, and EC, as well as our newsletter editor. **AND GIVE HIM A VIRTUAL HUG FOR ALL HIS HARD WORK!!**

Random Ramblings!

Have you recently visited the [STAR EVENT PHOTOS](#) links on our State website??? We've made the links much easier to navigate, taking you to the last three STARS and our State Event pics!! Check out the shots from them all, but especially the Stratton Vermont STAR!! NICE WORK by everyone involved!! 900+ photos and counting!! Look for your own mug if you were there!! And if you weren't there (whaaaat?!?), check out what you missed!! Sweet! [Ed: Check the [group photos](#) in this issue.]

I thank all the monthly ride attendees for their participation in our Club and supporting our local events!! It's a "secret" pleasure for me to roll up and see a bunch of your bikes in the parking lot!! Well, not so secret anymore...

I'm enjoying a great summer of riding, regardless of the heat or rain. Remember, most of our National membership only have 4-7 months of decent riding weather. Can you imagine only LOOKING at your bike for 5-8 months a year?!?! Yuk!!

Ride well! Ride often! Do it safely!!

ATGATT Van
MSTA Florida State Co-Director

Central Director's Report

Central Florida September Brunch Ride:

Saturday, September 10th, 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM,

[Waller's Restaurant](#)

138 Bushnell Plaza

Bushnell, FL 33513

☎ 352-793-2592 ([map](#))

Full breakfast menu made with fresh (sometimes organic) ingredients. Grab a treat from the bakery to take home. Plenty of parking on both side streets.

Teresa Vipond, DeLand
MSTA Florida State Co-Director

STAR 2016 Photos

Here are two group photos from the STAR 2016 rally in Vermont. *[Click on each photo for a larger version.]*

Following the banquet and award presentations, we gathered several Florida members together for this [group photo](#) (taken with Jim Park's camera). Six members had unfortunately already left the banquet room.



Florida Attendees at STAR 2016

L→R: Dennis Anderson, Don Moe, Dorothy Anderson, Dianne Park, Bob Shields, Eve Blazsur, Ellen Kocher, Fred Christ, Van VanSteelant, Jim Park, Marcia Ford, Ken Ford, Robert Fischer
Not shown: Steve Albert, Paul Heydemann, Buck Jones, Doug & Becky Westly, Don Williams

Nearly all rally attendees gathered at 6 PM behind the Big Bear Lodge for group photos taken by Jim Park and Bryon Dunlap.



Group [photo](#) at conclusion of STAR 2016

Florida Rides This Month

Important Note

Always remember to check the Florida MSTA [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., **September 10th**, 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM
Where: [Waller's Restaurant](#) – 138 Bushnell Plaza, Bushnell, FL 33513 ☎352-793-2592 ([map](#))
Description: Full breakfast menu made with fresh (sometimes organic) ingredients. Grab a treat from the bakery to take home. Plenty of parking on both side streets.
Contact: Teresa Vipond termayn@gmail.com or ☎713-504-5763

MSTA Florida South Brunch Ride

When: Sat., **September 17th**, 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM
Where: [Beef 'O' Brady's](#) – 892 W Sugarland Hwy, Clewiston, FL 33440 ☎863-983-5002 ([map](#))
Description: Last year, we discovered how well they do breakfast here, so back we go!! Join us for some fine grub and gab!! Then, top off your brunch with a ride around the Big Lake!!
Contact: Van busavan@flmsta.org or ☎561-386-2594

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 MSTA [Event Calendar](#) for possible updates.

MSTA Florida Central Lunch Ride

When: Sat., **October 8th**, 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM
Where: [Tortilleria La Mexicana](#) – 701 E Hinson Ave, Haines City, FL 33844 ☎863-422-1227 ([map](#))
Description: They specialize in gourmet Mexican food, including homemade ice cream & natural Mexican beverages that you won't find elsewhere.
Contact: Teresa Vipond termayn@gmail.com or ☎713-504-5763

MSTA Florida South Lunch Ride

When: Sat., **October 22nd**, 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM
Where: [Harpoon Harry's](#) – Fishermen's Village, 1200 W. Retta Esplanade #55, Punta Gorda, FL 33950 ☎941-637-1177 ([map](#))
Description: We are back to LUNCH rides this month!! So, we have a RIDE planned for lunch!! Off we go to water front dining in Punta Gorda overlooking the Peace River and Charlotte Harbor!!
Contact: Van busavan@flmsta.org or ☎561-386-2594

Regional Events

There are several regional MSTA sanctioned and Just-For-Fun events taking place in September and October.

Rick's Ride In

When: Fri., **September 16th** - Sun., **September 18th**

Where: [Holiday Inn Express](#), Middlesboro, Kentucky ☎606-248-6860 ([map](#))
Request the MSTA special rate!

Description: Twisty and scenic riding around the Cumberland Gap (KY, TN, VA)..

Coordinator: [Rick Giddish](#)

Fall Colors Ride

When: Fri., **September 30th** - Sun., **October 2nd**

Where: [Quality Inn](#), Lewisburg, WV ☎304-645-7722 ([map](#))

Description: Ride the great roads of West Virginia.

Coordinator: Syd Mayes touringman5@gmail.com or ☎804-265-8636 (h) or 804-721-3399 (c)

Tellico Plains, TN

When: Fri., **October 21st** - Sun., **October 23rd**

Where: [Cherohala Mountain Trails Campground](#), 32 Reliance Rd, Tellico Plains TN 37385
☎423-253-6061 ([map](#))

Description: Street and dual-sport riding around Tellico Plains and in the Cherokee National Forest. Rustic or RV camping and cabins available at the campground.

Coordinator: Bill Wilson vfrcav@yahoo.com

Special Event

This announcement was submitted just in time to be included in this issue:



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Event Updates: www.facebook.com/groups/vintageironclubmc/

Regional Routes

Doug Pippin, who selects and verifies the roads and dual-sport trails to include each year in routes for various MSTA events in our southeastern region, has set up a specific webpage to make the routes available to MSTA members, as follows:

The GPS routes will still only be available to participants at the specific events.

MSTA members can view all the SE Region motorcycle routes in Google map format on the following web site:

[All SE Region routes in Google map format](#)

That web site has all the current SE Region event routes and they can be viewed in Google map format. If any member would like the GPS file(s) for any of these routes they should contact me directly.

You can also access the Google map routes by clicking the link on the [SE Region web page](#)

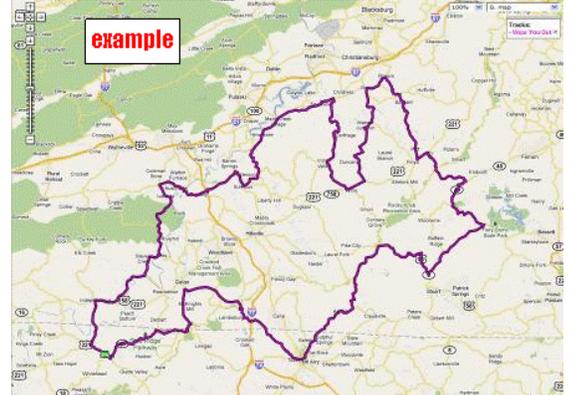
Feel free to use this information in your newsletter.

Doug Pippin

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We thank Doug for his efforts in creating and maintaining the various routes and for sharing them with us.

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](#).

National MSTA ridemsta.com

Florida MSTA www.flmsta.org

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Mystery Hyperlink of the Month

This month's [Mystery Hyperlink](#) is related to the safety article.

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