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## Feature Article

### Right Smack Dab in the Center of it all! The Central Riding Area

by Bob Shields

I learned a long time ago that there are some pretty nice places to sport-tour in Florida; you just have to learn how to link up the roads. It's not like the riding in the Blue Ridge and Smoky Mountains where



just about every road has a twist, sweep, drop or climb, but where's the challenge in that? It just takes a little planning and navigation.

I like to divide up the Central riding area into four sections, South Central, West Central, Central Central and North Central, as shown in the adjacent map. All four areas have great places to chow down and some sweet roads to serve up for dessert. The difficulty is finding the

### **Editor's Monthly Note:**

Again I ask everyone to submit articles, stories, sale items and other information of interest to *The FL MSTA Gator Tale*. We rely on you to make this newsletter interesting and informative.

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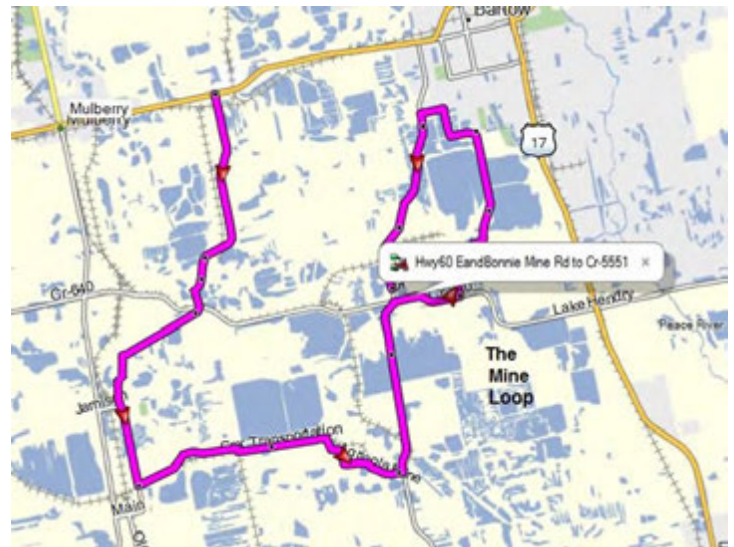
We wish you all safe and fun rides!

Don Moe, Editor

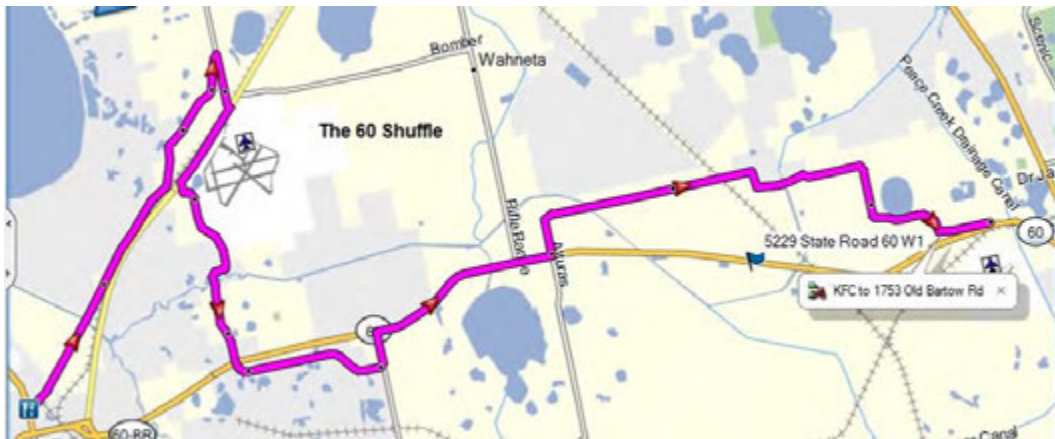
right restaurant near the right roads that can accommodate the sophisticated MSTA palate along with our shallow wallets and our unpredictable group size.

The **South Central Riding Area** is home for me as I live in Polk (pronounced Poke) County, along with several other members. We are fortunate enough to be minutes from some of the squiggly stuff like the **Mine Loop**, the **60 Shuffle** and the very fast sweepers of **Sweet Baby Jesus**, shown in the adjacent maps.

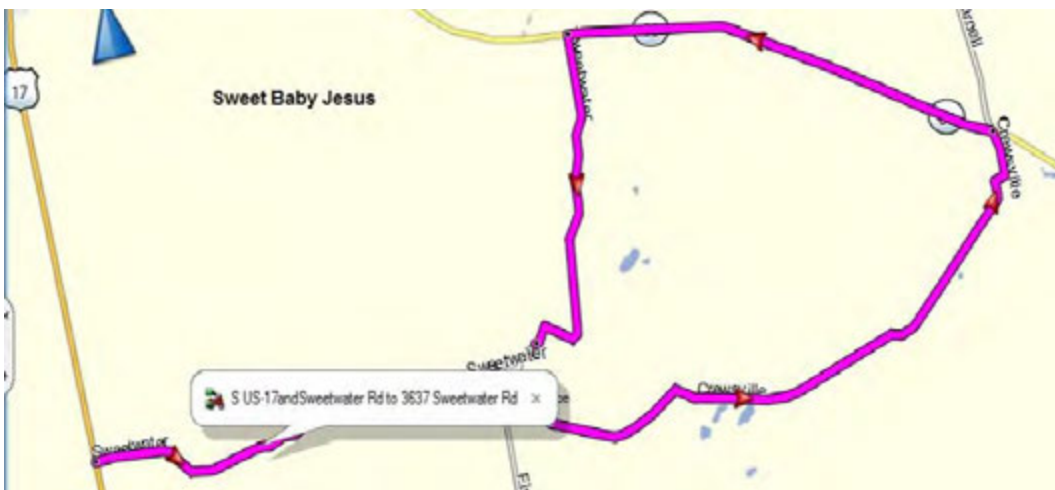
The South Central Area is home to some great RTE (Ride-to-Eat) locations like the Chop Shop in Lakeland, Jay Bee's in Lake Wales, Main Street in Lake Placid and Solomon's Castle in Ona. They are central enough for most of the Central riders and south enough for a strong showing from our South Florida groups as well.



Bonnie Mine Rd to Agricola Mine to Noralyn Mine to CR555-when connected right its about 39 miles



Old Bartow Rd to Spirit Lake and 17 down to 91 Mine Rd to Old Bartow/Lake Wales. New Pavement!



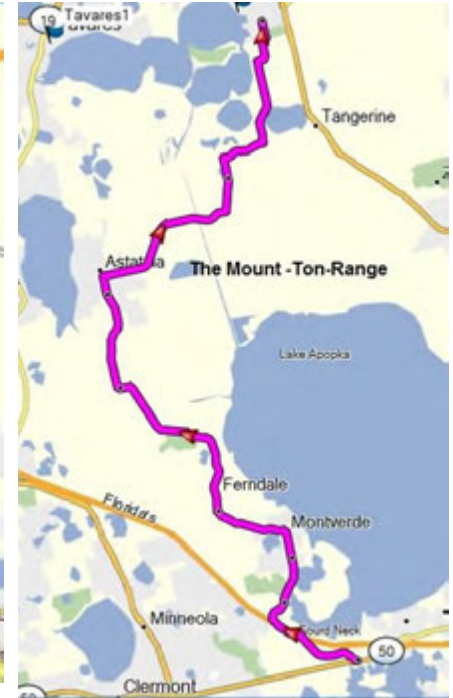
Sweetwater to Crewsville to 66 and back to another section of Sweetwater. Very fast!

Moving a little North is **The Central Central Riding Area**. This area covers northern Polk County on up to the Tavares/Eustis/Mt. Dora area of Lake County. Some notable routes are the challenging twisties (really!) of **Mama Cass to the Fussel Hussle**, the swift sweepers of the **Redwing a Ding Ding** and the climbs and falls of the **Central Mount Ton Range** (Montverde to Sugarloaf Mountain to Mount Dora).

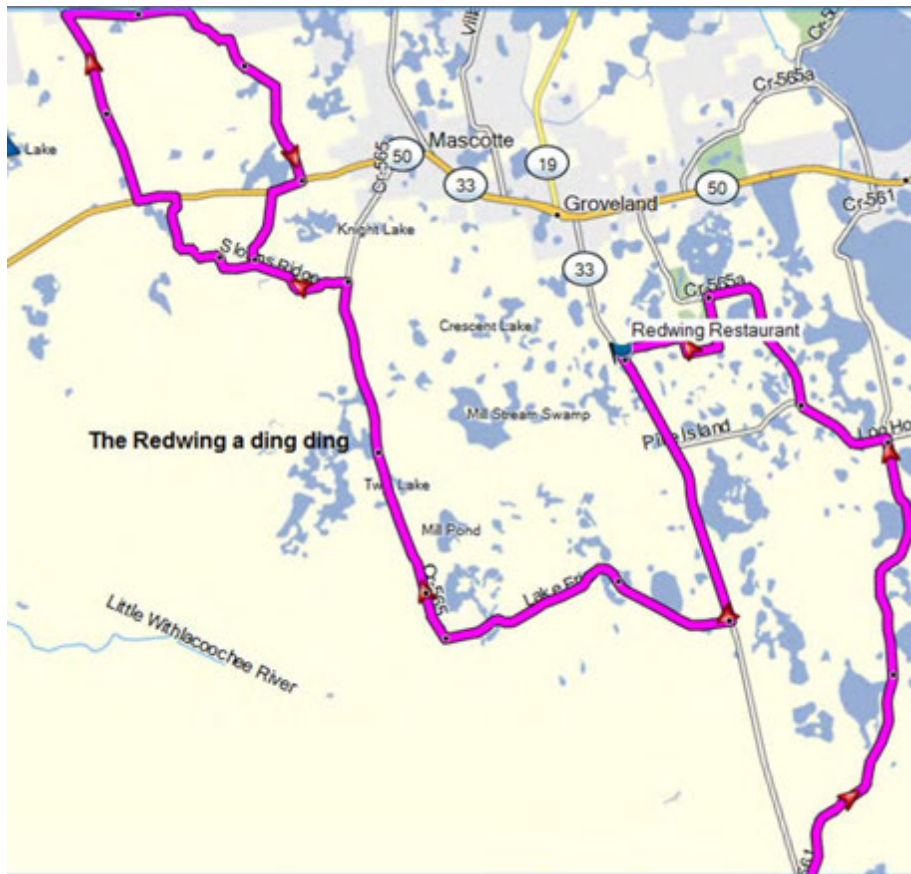
MSTAers are often spotted dining among the cypress trees at the Lake Harris Hideaway in Tavares, kicking off their boots (no spurs allowed – it says so right at the door) at the Redwing in Groveland or soaking up the syrup (pancakes as big as your front wheel) at Pappy’s Grille in Winter Haven.



Cass Rd., Old Lake Alfred and Fussel Road are awesome. Great run!



455 and then 561 and then into Mount Dora

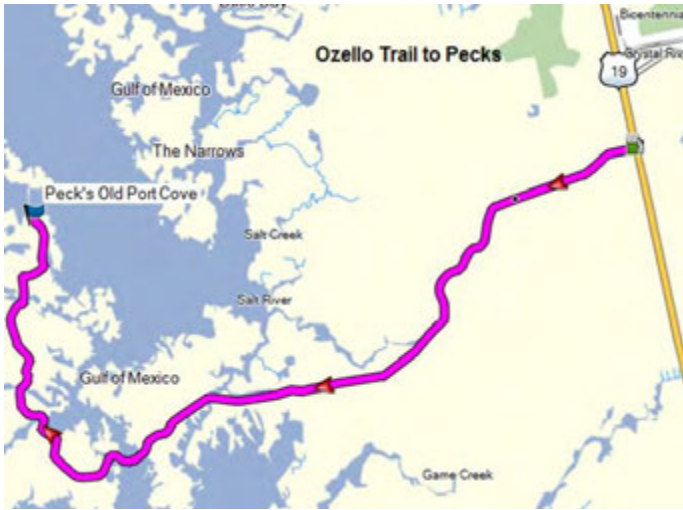


CR 561 to CR 565 to Redwing Rd and right past the Redwing restaurant then scoot over the Lake Erie to Sloan’s Ridge and finish with Tuscanoga

The **West Central Riding Area** doesn't get a visit from us as much as it should. It is a well-known area to the Tampa and Brooksville riders. It is a little closer to the coast than the other riding areas, a little further from our core central membership and a very long haul for anyone in the south or eastern parts of the state. But the West Central offers some of the best riding in the state with one route and one run that is deserving of your rubber.

The route is **Hwy 52 to Floral City** and offers 51 miles of scenery, country roads, hills, sweepers, twisties and even a big sport bike hang out at the Hess station at Hwy-98 (Cortez Blvd and Spring Lake Hwy). At end of this run is your choice of the world famous and bike friendly Shamrock Inn or the biker (emphasis on the "er") friendly Sleepy Hollow on Gobbler Road.

The other notable stretch of road is a nine-mile run just west of the West Central Riding Area that has been a tradition in the past as Bill Royal's New Year's Day MSTA ride



Ozello Trail to Pecks Old Port Cove

location. It is the run up **Ozello Trail** to Pecks Old Port Cove Restaurant. This road has some beautiful salt water marsh scenery and enough twist and turns to keep the best rider entertained. The nice thing is that it is actually one way in and one way out, so it adds up to a little over 18 miles of smiles.

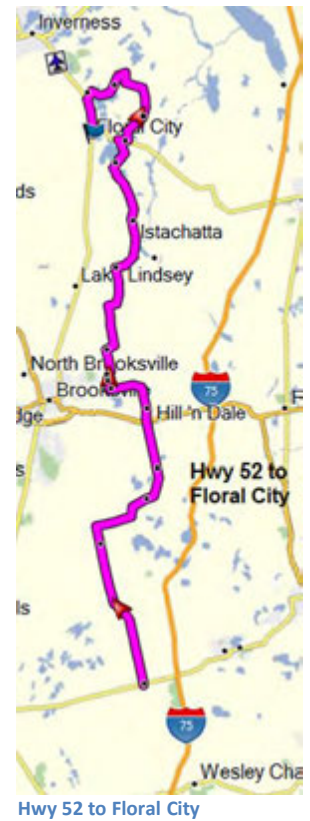
So consider this just a taste of the sport touring offerings in the Central riding area. The reason I am rambling on

about the Central area is that it is that time of year where we shift from brunch rides to our lunch rides as the cooler weather begins to arrive in October. Right now our MSTA calendar has central and south ride dates but we still haven't decided on all of the restaurant locations.

I would love to hear any suggestions or to see if anyone wants to get together for some scouting trips to discover new places to ride and visit, but first I need to make you aware of some of the lessons learned in selecting an RTE location.

**Lesson 1:** Restaurants need to be in, around, or near some sport-riding roads. As much as I enjoy going to Clearwater Beach, that would be an awful place for a motorcycle ride. The best places have rural roads, nice scenery, less traffic, curves, landmarks, or something of interest. People travel to our lunches from many different directions, so you can't always please everyone, but you can try.

**Lesson 2:** The restaurant needs to be big enough to handle anywhere from 10-20 riders all coming in at about the same time and it is preferred that it would have space where we can sit as a group or at least in the same vicinity. Big enough is more about space available than physical size. We have some locations, like Carol's in Mulberry, that is not physically very big, but they also don't typically have a large crowd on Saturday. They usually have room for us without much problem. I had originally set up the Sept 6<sup>th</sup> Central brunch ride for the



Hwy 52 to Floral City

Koffee Kup in St. Cloud. It has good food, good size, good location and many other great traits for a nice ride location. The problem is that it is very popular and can get very crowded even in the summer. We likely have to stand in the heat waiting on a table and would have been spread all over the place.

**Lesson 3:** You really need to scout out the location. A place may sound great on the Internet, but all too often you find out that it just won't work for one reason or another. If you can't get there, you can send out an email and ask if anyone has been there, or if they would like to scout it for you. I scouted the Koffee Kup a couple of weeks ago and that prompted me to change to another location.

That's about it. Please drop me an email ([boju29@msn.com](mailto:boju29@msn.com)) if you have a spot to suggest or a current favorite that you would like to make a regular. Please don't get your feelings hurt if we don't pay a visit to your suggestion right away. Sometimes there is a method to the madness of picking our riding locations and we try to spread things out around the riding areas.

If you have an interesting ride location centered on an event or maybe a place to visit that isn't a restaurant, we welcome all suggestions. You might find that it will be a great spot for an informal ride that does not have to fall on one of our organized dates.

Here is a list of many of the restaurants we've frequented over the last three years in the Central riding Area:

- 3 Bananas, Crescent City
- Blackwater Inn, Astor
- Carols Café, Mulberry
- Catfish Place, St. Cloud
- Chop Shop, Lakeland
- Dock633, Lake Placid
- East Lake Fish Camp, Kissimmee/St Cloud
- Gator Joe's, Ocklawaha
- Hayseed Café, Webster
- Jay Bee's, Lake Wales
- Lake Harris Hideaway, Tavares
- Linger Lodge, Bradenton
- Main Street, Lake Placid
- Mike's Grill, Bartow
- Mojo's, Lakeland
- Pappy's Grill, Winter Haven
- Peck's Old Port Café, Crystal River
- Perfect Spot, Deland
- Redwing Café, Groveland
- Sebring Diner, Sebring
- Shamrock Inn, Floral City
- Shamrock Pub, Davenport
- Solomon's Castle, Ona
- Stumpknocker's, Dunnellon
- Tower View Restaurant, Lake Placid

## ***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.***

### ***Enough Is Never Enough***

You read about it all the time in the motorcycle magazines. The editors and test riders are always gushing about horsepower. They always want more, more, more. Riders are always bragging about how much horsepower they have in their bike. So the question is: How much is enough? And...what does all this have to do with safety?

My current 2012 [BMW R1200GS](#) is OEM-rated at about 110 hp. Before that I was riding a [Ducati Multistrada](#) with about 165 hp. “Whoa!” you say. Doesn’t that fly in the face of “...more, more, more?”

I had been riding my Multistrada for about a year when I noticed a change in my riding style. The power and handling of the Multistrada had actually changed the way I rode. I was more aggressive in traffic, using the power and handling of the bike to push through traffic and gaps in the vehicles. It took a polite discussion with the local constabulary to get me to realize I was probably overly aggressive in my riding, just because the motorcycle would let me.



“Wait a minute!” you say. “That’s your fault.” Yep, you’re right.

I just don’t have the willpower to not ride a bike to its potential. As a result, I gave up the Multistrada for the GS. You know what? I’m much happier on the GS. I don’t have to be as focused on the bike with the GS, can relax and my street riding has calmed down more than a little.

(Oh, and I do have my [Ducati Hypermotard SP](#) when I feel the need...☺)

So why do we think that more is always better? I’m sure it has something to do with our culture; our consumer-oriented society, advertising, etc. We’re constantly being told more is better. 165 hp is better than 110 hp. 190+ hp on the [BMW S1000RR](#) is better than...well, you get the point.

I’m going to commit heresy here and suggest that perhaps more isn’t always better. How much horsepower does it take to accomplish the kind of riding YOU want to experience?

Becky (awesome wife and best friend) recently had the same experience. She had been riding her 2012 R1200R for a couple of years, then jumped on a 2013 [Honda NC700X](#) with automatic Dual Clutch Transmission (DCT) that we just purchased. The R1200R has the same 110 horsepower motor as my GS. The NC700X is doing well to just put out 60 horsepower. But Becky discovered she enjoys the NC700X a lot more, for a number of reasons, not the least of which is the DCT. In fact, she’s just put her R1200R for sale (email me if you’re interested, LOL! [Ed: Check out [their ad](#) in this issue.]).

What about you? Have you taken a look at the horsepower under your...uh, seat? Are you riding what you really enjoy, or is it important to have more, more, more? Is your riding being influenced by the seductive lure of power?

Why not take a moment for some introspecting thought into what you’re riding?

**Ride Safe!**

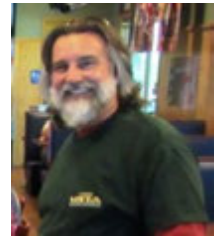
***[Doug Westly](#) – Safety Editor***

## Florida News

### South Director's Report

#### HOW HOT IS IT??....

Now that mornings are starting in the 80's, brunch rides are self-explanatory!! And we had two winners this past month!! We started with a ride to the [Red Wing Restaurant](#) in Groveland. Despite three conversations with management, our group ended up in different areas of the restaurant! But, we are nothing if not flexible!! Here's how Tom Blake reported on the day:



Van VanSteelant

“Four from the Melbourne area made the ride over to the Red Wing Restaurant south of Groveland on the 9<sup>th</sup> – Larry Fitch, Terry Brown, Tom Blake and a long time member we haven't seen much of in years – Mike Miller on his KLR. Except for an obligatory stretch of US-192 and a few miles of US-17/92 south of Kissimmee, it was all on back, two-lane roads. We got there a little early but not as early as planned due to a GPS programming error on the part of the ride leader (me). The restaurant staff sat the west-central gang in with a large group of cruiser riders. I guess “riders” is (sic) “riders” to them. In any case, that didn't leave room for the four of us. So we were quite happy to sit in the front of the restaurant and enjoy a good brunch by ourselves.

“Afterwards we made a big loop up Vila City Rd (very enjoyable) to US-27 to CR-48 past [Yalaha Bakery](#). Then SR-19 and US-441 took us through Tavares to SR-46. From there we headed east through Sorrento and Sanford to Geneva. Then we went south on a variety of pleasant asphalt through Chuluota, Christmas and Deer Park (Mormon ranch) before getting back to Melbourne just in time to miss the mid-afternoon rains. It was a good motorcycling day.”

And the next Saturday found us at a new-to-us venue. The [Alva Country Diner](#) turned out to be a terrific place for us to brunch!! 22(!) of us made a big showing, and the “table gods” were in our favor, as they were able to seat ALL of us at one long table with only a few minutes delay! The service and food were equally good and several members commented on how well the event went!!

And we were only “half done”. In an effort to add a “little extra” to these RTEs, Doug and Becky Westly kicked things off with a presentation of Honda's new [NC700X DCT](#)!! Even if you've read everything printed about Honda's dual clutch tranny, you learned something new from Doug's briefing!! I heard more than one member say they would be on look out for a VFR model with DCT!! Well done, Doug and Becky!!

As you'd expect for such a large turnout, our 50/50 raffle was very well funded!! We split \$72 with our winner, Rob Croot, who then donated his share back to the club!! Very generous of him!! Our total now stands at \$389.00. Thanks again to all who participated!!



#### What's Next??

Well, the first Saturday of Sept., the 6<sup>th</sup>, finds us back at the [East Lake Fish Camp](#), now called Boggy Creek Resort & RV Park, near Kissimmee, FL. We “lunched” here a while back, and the Central area will enjoy a brunch this time around! This is an update to the schedule, as further investigation found the Koffee Kup in St.

Cloud to be too small to accommodate our usual numbers. Be sure to check our RIDES area on our new website – [www.flmsta.org](http://www.flmsta.org). We have updated and fine-tuned the site several times this month alone and you can expect to see improvements in the future!! The web builder site we chose makes it very simple to make changes, and changes will be made as needed!!

The very next Saturday, the 13<sup>th</sup>, the South area will dine at the [Sebring Diner](#), in Sebring! The food alone is excuse enough to make this event, but be sure to enjoy several of the surrounding roads as well!! This will be our last BRUNCH ride for the year. We return to LUNCH rides in October. The ride dates have been scheduled through to the New Year. The destinations will be added very soon. Keep checking our new site for details and announcements.

And for those looking for some out-of-state riding, the Just-For-Fun [MSTA SE Rendezvous](#) is scheduled for Sept. 19-21, near Blairsville, GA. We have included most of the info about the event on our RIDES schedule, but be sure to check out the event web site as well.

## Membership News

As we often receive updates about our current state membership after we “go to press”, we don’t always welcome our new Florida members as soon as they sign up!

This month we can welcome the following new members:

- Alan Berry, who signed up at the Alva Country Diner event! This was Alan’s second or third brunch event.
- Jose Iglesias, who met Jim Park at the MOTO GP race in Indy, and joined us for brunch in Alva as well.
- Jose Benavides, who rode along with Jose and the rest of the Eastsiders to Alva!!

If you know any the following riders, please let them know that their MSTA memberships have recently expired or will expire soon:

- |                  |                          |                    |
|------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| • Mike Ewanus    | • Fred Melino            | • Sam & Lee Ulbing |
| • Woody Kitney   | • Phil & Carmel Ridgdill | • Bill Wilder      |
| • Don Later      | • Tom Roe                |                    |
| • William Manint | • Paul Towkach           |                    |

As a heads up to all, be sure to forward any new email addresses or changes to Choon Gan at [membership@ridemsta.com](mailto:membership@ridemsta.com). He then forwards the info to the various State Directors, VPs, and EC, as well as our newsletter editor. We have had an uptick in bounced emails lately, and most likely it’s a simple fix to get back in the loop.

## Random Ramblings!

We are just weeks away from the biggest motorcycle industry show of the year!! There’s a direct link to the [AIMExpo](#) on our home page!! The countdown clock is ticking away – you’ve made your plans to attend, right?!? They have over 400 vendors signed up, including Kawasaki, Yamaha, Suzuki, EBR Racing, AND the MSTA!! Consider volunteering at our booth, and your entry fee will be FREE!! Ask anybody who attended last year’s show and you’ll know why this is a MUST DO event!! Our RIDES schedule has event info and hotel info.

As you read above, the Alva Country Diner event had a “little extra” interest for us. In addition to the usual gab and grub, we had an opportunity to increase our knowledge about a new technology that will become even more common in the near future! This is an example of making our RTEs more interesting and inviting. Now,



Doug's and Becky's demo is a BIG example to be sure. But know this: we are looking for members to share anything that interests them with the rest of the gang!! Favorite roads traveled recently; travel photos; why your ride is the best; what your first ride was; recent training you've completed and your "a-ha" moment; best advice you've ever heard about motorcycling; new gear purchases; new parts, farkles, accessories that everybody else should know about; promote your motorcycle biz or product that we all should know about... You get the idea, so, send your idea to me and we'll see what/where/when we can enjoy your presentation!! The more the merrier!! Don't worry about how long you need to entertain us! Two minutes or twenty, it won't matter! If only we could do this at every ride...

I want to THANK Dianne Park for her terrific feature article in our last issue!! Sometimes, we can't see the trees for the forest, and it was eye opening to see how many events have been enjoyed by our membership!! Thanks too, to all the volunteers that have made the Florida chapter one of the largest in the country!!

I'll close with some recommended reading. Go to [www.sportrider.com](http://www.sportrider.com) and look up the Sept. 2014 "[Riding Skills Series](#)" article by Bradley Adams [*Ed: not yet posted*]. He nails the concept of "Off Days – because no rider, or riding career, is perfect." Go to [www.mcnews.com](http://www.mcnews.com) and read Fred Storer's May 2014 article, "[Risky Business](#)" (PDF), for his review of "FARS - Fatal Accident Reporting System" operated by the Federal Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Thought provoking to say the least!

Ride well! Ride often! Do it safely!!

ATGATT Van  
MSTA Florida State Co-Director

## **Central Director's Report**

We are still in need of a member to take of the position of Central Director. Please contact Van if interested.

## **Northeast Director's Report**

If you would consider taking the position of Northeast Director, please contact Van.

## **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 6<sup>th</sup>**, 9:30 am – 10:30 am

Where: [East Lake Fish Camp](#) – 3705 Big Bass Rd, Kissimmee, FL 34744 ☎407-348-2040 ([map](#))

Description: This has been updated from the Koffee Kup in St. Cloud. The Koffee Kup is a great place for breakfast but would have a difficult time fitting a group of 5-15 riders in. We've been to the East Lake Fish Camp before. Plenty of parking and a large restaurant that can handle an unpredictable MSTA crowd. This is on famous Lake Toho, home of some big money bass tournaments.

## **MSTA Florida South Brunch Ride**

When: Sat, **September 13<sup>th</sup>**, 9:30 am – 10:30 am  
Where: **Sebring Diner** – 4040 US Hwy. 27S, Sebring, FL 33870 ☎863-385-3434 ([map](#))  
Description: We conclude our BRUNCH rides with one of the best reasons to get out of bed - The Sebring Diner!! The roads leading to this shining stainless steel diner are worthy of the edges of your tires, just for added incentive!!  
Contact: Van - [busavan@flahsta.org](mailto:busavan@flahsta.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 MSTAs [Event Calendar](#) for possible updates.

## **MSTA Florida Central Lunch Ride**

When: Sat, **October 4<sup>th</sup>**, 11:30 am – 1:30 pm  
Where: **T.B.A.**  
Description: Check the Florida MSTAs [website](#) for updates  
Contact: Bob - [boju29@msn.com](mailto:boju29@msn.com)

## **MSTA Florida South Lunch Ride**

When: Sat, **October 25<sup>th</sup>**, 11:30 am – 1:30 pm  
Where: **T.B.A.**  
Description: Check the Florida MSTAs [website](#) for updates  
Contact: Van - [busavan@flahsta.org](mailto:busavan@flahsta.org) or ☎561-386-2594

## **AIM Expo**

The [American International Motorcycle Expo](#), being held at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, will be open to the public on October 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. Several vendors will offer demo rides on various motorcycles and other vehicles. Additionally, there will be the inaugural “Retro Affair, Vintage Motorcycle Show” to showcase historic, restored and customized American, Japanese and European motorcycles built before 1984.

For further information, visit their website at the link above.

## **Future Regional Events**

During the Fall riding season, you may wish to attend popular regional MSTAs events being held in areas with fantastic riding on nice, twisting roads through some beautiful scenery.

## **SE Rendezvous**

When: **Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014**  
Where: [Copperhead Lodge](#) – 171 Copperhead Parkway, Blairsville, Georgia 30512 ☎706-835-7433  
Description: SE Rendezvous is a “Just For Fun” MSTAs Event. Formerly called SE Star, it was a sanctioned event and held for several years in Dillard, Georgia. It is now a roving event with the new name “SE Rendezvous” and at a different location each year. Visit the [MSTAs-SE website](#) for more information.  
Contact: Eric Larsen – [vfrdude64@yahoo.com](mailto:vfrdude64@yahoo.com) or ☎678-584-3726

## Fall Colors Ride

When: **Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> – Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

Where: **Quality Inn** – 540 S Jefferson St., Lewisburg, West Virginia 24901 ☎304-645-7722

Description: Meet with fellow MSTA members and ride the great roads of West Virginia! A block of 45 rooms is being held until Sept. 20, 2014 for Friday & Saturday. The special room rate of \$71.99 for a non-smoking double, including a continental breakfast, will also apply to the block of 30 rooms being held for Thursday the 2<sup>nd</sup> if you want to come early. Call the Quality Inn to make reservations. Be sure to mention MSTA for the group discount.

Turn by turn route sheets and GPS coordinates for the event routes will be provided. There will also be some dual sport routes available. Visit the [MSTA-SE website](#) for more information.

Contact: Syd Mayes – [bldrman4@yahoo.com](mailto:bldrman4@yahoo.com) or ☎804-265-8636 or 804-721-3399 (Cell)

## **Member Profile**

**This month's Member Profile was submitted by Ellen Kocher. Thanks, Ellen!**

**Hometown/State?** Born in Ohio but have been in Florida since I was in grade school (West Palm Beach area).

**What was your first motorcycle?** A used Yamaha XT250. It was one of my Christmas presents back in the 1980's.

**Current motorcycles?** 1997 BMW R1100RS; 2007 BMW F650GS.

**What is your all-time favorite motorcycle?** Not sure. Since I'm only 5'2" it's any bike that allows my feet to reach the ground! I need a lowered bike and/or lowered shock.

**How long have you been riding?** About 30 years.

**When did you join the MSTA?** 2013.

**How did you hear about the MSTA?** From members who rode with Kevin Healey's group.

**Who or what was your biggest influence in motorcycling?** My husband. He had been riding since he was 14!

**What are your favorite places to ride?** Curvy roads preferred. Within easy reach from WPB through GA, AL, NC, SC, TN, VA. When a longer vacation is available, anywhere from New England to the Southwest.

**Describe a memorable motorcycle adventures?** Edelweiss Affordable Alps tour, riding in Nova Scotia, riding to many National Parks in the Southwest, riding to BMW rallies all over the country!

**What is the best motorcycle advice or tip learned over the years?** Stay alert to everyone around you.

**What turns you on about motorcycles or riding?** Being part of the scenery is a huge plus! You meet the nicest people when you're on two-wheels.

**What do you get out of your MSTA membership?** A great group of motorcyclists!

**What are your hobbies and interests outside of motorcycling?** Spending time with family and friends, including traveling with my daughter; watching college football; going to plays and concerts.



In June 1987 on my R65 in Belfast, Maine



In June 2013 on the Blue Ridge Parkway, heading home from the BMW RA Rally in Asheville, NC.

We would like to publish additional profiles of our members, on a strictly voluntary basis of course. If you would like to participate, please send an email (or a letter) to the [editor](#) of our Florida newsletter and answer as many of the following questions as you feel appropriate. Please send an attachment with a suitable photo of you with your primary or favorite motorcycle. If you prefer to send by regular mail, please find the mailing address [below](#).

Member Profile Questions:

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|--|---|
| Hometown/State?                            | Who or what was your biggest influence in motorcycling?           |
| What was your first motorcycle?            | What are your favorite places to ride?                            |
| Current motorcycles?                       | Describe a memorable motorcycle adventure?                        |
| What is your all-time favorite motorcycle? | What is the best motorcycle advice or tip learned over the years? |
| How long have you been riding?             | What turns you on about motorcycles or riding?                    |
| When did you join the MSTA?                | What do you get out of your MSTA membership?                      |
| How did you hear about the MSTA?           | What are your hobbies and interests outside of motorcycling?      |

Thank you for your participation.

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

MSTA website information on upcoming sanctioned events: [click here](#). For Just-For-Fun events: [click here](#).

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This month's [Mystery Hyperlink](#) is in keeping with our safety article.

Also check out [this other webpage](#) for another perspective.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

### 2013 Triumph Explorer

Only 2,150 miles – Showroom condition.

Price: \$11,800 includes:

- Triumph OEM side Panniers
- Triumph OEM Engine Guards
- Triumph Hand Guards
- Arrow Muffler, stock muffler included
- Heated Seat
- Heated Grips
- Batzen Windshield Brackets
- 20mm Lowering links, stock links included

Contact: Don Later, ☎ [donlater@bellsouth.net](mailto:donlater@bellsouth.net)

### 2012 BMW R1200R w/ABS.

Female RiderCoach-owned. 14.8k miles. Immaculate. Runs perfect. Not a scratch. Never down, never off-road.

- Full BMW bags
- Clearwater driving lights
- Cee Bailey 19" windscreen
- Touratech hand guards
- GS skid plate
- SW Motech crash bars
- rear Mud Sling
- more...

PR3s with 50% left. Clear Title, No Lien. Kept in climate-controlled garage since Day 1. Located in Tampa. Owner moving on to new bike.

\$11,500 to MSTA members.

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## Corbin Saddle for 2013-14 Triumph Trophy SE

I wish to sell a beautiful, nearly new [Corbin Dual Touring Saddle with Heat](#) in silver carbon fiber w/silver thread, vinyl (#T-TRY-13-E). I am also including the Corbin rider backrest (#02-SB). I bought this seat in April from another Trophy owner. After trying it out on a long weekend tour, I decided that it doesn't quite suite me.

List prices are \$593 for the seat + \$218 for the backrest = \$811.

I am asking only \$550 for seat with backrest, or \$500 for seat alone, including ground shipping within the US.



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