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Feature Article

STAR 2018

An adventure in perseverance...

By Paul "Van" VanSteelant

Let's start at the beginning, shall we. After my terrific experience last year with a fly and ride adventure in Denver/Colorado Springs, I set out to repeat the process again for La Crosse. I planned to con... ask a couple of long-time friends in Minneapolis and Milwaukee to put up with me before and after STAR, making for a special week of riding and catching up with great people!

Around the Holidays, I broached the subject, taking advantage of their possible good cheer. Whew, they all said they would be around in June, AND would love to see me... Next hurdle: get my Hayabusa to my buddy Mark just outside of Minneapolis. Instead of renting, I intended to ship the bike, as I had a receiver with a garage! An investigation found decent rates and reasonable expectations. Bought the airline ticket and we're set for a while...

About five weeks out, I set up the shipper. They tell me they need 15 business days to get the 'busa out to Mark. Paid up, even pre-arranged the return shipping... And now the anxiety creeps in. No contact with the shipper unless I call. And, I get the same "oh yeah, we are working on your order...", though I never talked to the same person twice. With 14 business days left to work with, I pulled the shipping plug and scrambled to find something to rent. I had really counted on riding my bike, and had it ready to go. The problem with renting anything north of Chicago is the stranglehold that Harley Davidson has on the Midwest. So, as you read last month, I set up a Street Glide for the week.

What you didn't read about was the nearly four hours on the phone and online that it took to finally reserve anything for me ride the week of STAR!! Though I had the perfect experience with Eagle Rider last year in Denver, the Karma stick nearly broke both of my legs with this rental experience. When the dust and blood cleared, I had paid to rent two bikes from two locations. Fortunately, one of them actually had a real bike for me to ride. Eagle Rider's online system was not reflecting any reality to what was available around the Twin Cities. I will give the customer care persons at the three different dealerships full credit for saving my vacation. Seems they were just as upset with the online BS, as I wasn't the only potential customer to be in a panic on the phone!!

OK, I'm in Minneapolis. We take back roads down to Faribault HD, traversing several of the routes that the late Jesse James and his gang used for his getaways during his very active bank robbing adventures. Seems he got around! I rode back, following Mark, in a major downpour! If you're going to break-in a new-to-you ride, you might as well pile ALL of the anxious moments into your first 2½ hours in the saddle. Between the 4-6 inches of standing water in the center of many of the small towns that we cruised, and the relentless rain, I appreciated having a clothes dryer, an oven and a high strength hair dryer at my disposal. Ya gotta have friends... 😊 (and I was in full rain gear!!)

Mark and his sweet significant other have lived in the Twin Cities area all their lives. So, asking how to best get to La Crosse offered three options. The best was along the Mighty Mississippi, of course. A brief highway blast to the Wisconsin side found me on a most beautiful road, heading south for miles of rolling hillsides to the east, and the Big Muddy to the west! Don't miss the chance to ride the [Great River Road](#).

Arriving in time to chill before the official opening of STAR, I caught up with several other Floridians already onsite. We would eventually count 13 members from the Sunshine State. After Dennis' gave us the lay of the land and what to expect, we made our way into town for our only "offsite" dining experience. La Crosse has a terrific "downtown" commercial and entertainment area. A LOT of time and money has been properly spent reviving and maintaining the 19th and 20th century buildings. (Peruse the dozens of pics on the [STAR photo archive](#).) If you were not hell-bent on riding, riding, riding, you would still have had a great time at this STAR!!

But riding was the reason for the season... Even if it meant forcing that 850 pound lump to perform like a motorcycle! Here's the bottom line. I'd do it again under the SAME circumstances. Two beats four wheels anytime. Oh, did I mention the multiple treatments my chiropractor enjoyed providing upon my return?!? I only hit my threshold on one ride, when the leader decided that 3 straight hours of constant pounding in the saddle was a walk in the park on his... (name withheld to protect guilty!). I'm done whining....

The riding... was terrific!! I went to college on the east side of the State, and began my motorcycle career there as well. There's nothing over there to hint at the joys to be found in the Driftless area. **Nothing**. So, imagine my surprise when nearly every mile of any route we rode took us through hill and dale, canopy roads, and vistas of pastures for miles and miles!! Not everything was bliss, as winter takes its toll on the country roads leading from dairy barns to local processor. [Cows are milked 365 days a year. 😊] Did I mention I only had 3" of suspension travel?? But, having survived Vermont in 2016, we were well prepared to maximize our fun in Wisconsin. We averaged 250 miles a day, and still had 12 other routes waiting for us when MSTA returns to La Crosse for a future STAR. Yeah, the majority of the attendees agree that a return visit should be in the cards.

A particular stand out was the Lunch route. Don Moe, Bob Shields and myself were assembling our thoughts and ear plugs when we were approached by Heather Wilson. She was attending STAR in an official capacity. She is the AMA's Recreational Riding Manager. Her mission was to find out/figure out what makes us MSTA'rs tick... (She also signed up for a Regular MSTA membership!!) And to see how we fit into the AMA's vast array of riding opportunities. After several encounters over Sunday and Monday, she braved to ask us scruffies if she could join our group for the ride to the Lunch destination. With nearly 20 years of off- and on-road experience, she was a great fit. It helps when you start at 5-6 years old... The route never seemed to run more than 500 feet before another corner! After two hours of grins, we had a very tasty lunch catered in a



Vernon Vinyards Winery provided the venue for the STAR lunch event



brand new red barn (of course...) on the grounds of a huge vineyard. Yes, wine country in the midst of the number two dairy state!! And, Heather didn't hesitate to ride back with us. One of those days of riding that will never fade away in the memory bank. (See the STAR 2018 photos #196-208; #601, 602, 604 on [SmugMug](#) for our group!!)

You know, there are other reasons to make it to a STAR. Like the Member's Meeting, where you get the full picture of what's happening with the Club and our devoted leadership. As STAR is the biggest event on our calendar, LOT AND LOTS AND LOTS OF VOLUNTEER EFFORTS go into making it happen every year. You will have a better appreciation of just how many people work to turn these gatherings into a rather smooth operation of fun and games!

Or, the evening seminars that are presented by volunteers, both members and non-members. I've yet to attend a bomb! Sometimes, a vendor will do a seminar. That is always a treat, as they know what they are talking about, and you get a complete education about their product without the pressure to pull out the debit card... Usually you end up taking time the next day to make your purchase anyway!

Vendors. Given our relative small attendance, compared to 50,000 at Americade or 200,000-300,000 at Sturgis, we are blessed to have several vendors who are a great fit for us and able to make the commitment. Our own Dianne Park has made securing vendors and keynote speakers a 350 day-a-year effort. Really. She has stories...

The Closing Banquet!! (#345 & #668) Admittedly, the food quality ranges... although the vegetarian options at every STAR that I've attended have been terrific! I'm just saying. Hint-hint.



The catering staff dished up an equal portion for each attendee.



Don Moe leads Bob Shields, Heather Wilson and Van on lunch ride.

Photos taken by Jim Park and other MSTA members

Meanwhile, we get to enjoy the acknowledgement of the best of the best in our membership. The President's Award to Jim & Terry Coleman, who donated the raffle bike back to the club at STAR 2017 in Colorado Springs (#682); the Jean Monacelli Award winner Debbie Todt (#366 & #680), and the previous winners (#683); the Raffle Bike winner was again in the house! (#394; #696; #699); the FLORIDA gang #700 (missing from photo: Steve Albert, Steve Evans and Don Moe).



Dennis Villarose presented the President's Award to Jim & Terry Coleman.



Previous Monacelli winners join Debbie Todt as the newest winner.



Sherry Marsh from Minnesota won the raffle bike, a Kawasaki Versys 650.



Florida attendees L-R: Buck Jones, Don Williams, Dennis Mitchell, Dianne Park, Bob Shields, Ellen Kocher, Jim Park, Eve Blazsur, Van VanSteelant, Don Mroczenski. Not shown: Steve Albert, Steve Evans and Don Moe.

This year, we enjoyed a moving presentation by a charismatic keynote speaker. Thanks, Dianne!! "Long Haul Paul" has a great story to tell. He held us entranced for more than 30 minutes. I recommend that you hit his website for the full impact of his journey and endurance, longhaulpaul.com. I had the unique pleasure of being the only one at the bar the night before the banquet, sipping a bourbon while Paul made his dinner disappear. Good times... Lots of grins!! 😊 Long Haul Paul (#684-685).

Of course, there's all those likeminded riders hanging around, scrubbing tires, telling tall tales, breaking bread, sipping beers and bourbons... Our local lunch/brunch rides are a small example of how



Paul Pelland gave an entertaining tale of his experiences.

much fun one can have when surrounded by serious riders. Magnify those feelings by a factor of 20 and you can begin to imagine the sensation of being a STAR attendee.

Here's what you ought to do. STAR 2019 is in "our" backyard; well, only 550-890 miles from one end of Florida, or the other! Commit to attending NOW. I made my commitment to La Crosse while in Colorado Springs. Hence, all the trials and tribulations that came along before I sat down in the jetliner were simply part of the adventure in perseverance. I'm already working on how to get to VA next year...

ATGATT Van



Group Photo of Attendees at STAR 2018
Taken in City Park between Radisson Inn and Mississippi River

Editor's Request:

If you have ridden somewhere interesting at any time and would like to share with other riders your experiences and some photos from your journey, please contact me at editor@flmsta.org to discuss publishing an article. I can offer assistance in preparing your article. Thanks!

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.*

ABS - Still a question?

I was in the western U.S. last week, working at an event, when I met an industry “professional” (his categorization) who told me in no uncertain terms that when new riders came to him with questions about needing anti-lock braking systems (ABS), he would tell them it’s not really necessary. WHAT?

For background, the “professional” is a certified instructor. He is the owner of a second-hand motorcycle shop in a major city. He claims to be teaching private riding classes, and has been teaching since the 1990s. Yet here he is, telling brand new riders that a proven safety feature, specifically one designed to complement rider control under emergency situations, is not necessary.



Graphic: RideApart.com

I began my usual lecture and after a while, finally got him to agree that ABS is a worthwhile safety feature, particularly for new riders. Unfortunately in the process I probably turned him off to anything else positive he might have gotten out of the event, since I had questioned his expertise. I’ll take that, if I at least got him to start thinking.

So here is the question: Why would an experienced rider and instructor, an industry individual, tell new riders that ABS isn’t necessary? Are there still misconceptions out there about ABS? Really?

ABS is a fail-safe. It is there for when the unexpected happens, for when traction conditions simply don’t allow a rider to take advantage of their own skills to maximum effect.

Evidently there are still some riders out there who claim they don’t need ABS (he was one of them); that they can actually out-brake ABS.

I won’t debate that at all. Under ideal conditions, utilizing threshold braking, a good rider can theoretically stop a bike faster than engaging its ABS. However, this requires more than a few factors going their way, among them (and why it usually doesn’t happen this way):

- 🏍️ They need to be familiar with threshold braking technique. How many riders routinely practice this?
- 🏍️ The traction conditions must be ideal for threshold braking. Real life rarely offers riders this commodity at the moment of an emergency braking requirement.
- 🏍️ The rider has to be ready for the braking maneuver. Again, real life emergency braking is usually a surprise, not announced by a warning sign in advance (“Warning: Emergency braking ahead. Get ready!”).

ABS is there for when it all goes wrong, when the rider, either through limited skill, bad traction conditions, surprise or a combination of all of these, can’t exercise maximum braking effect.

Yes, under ideal conditions you will never need your ABS. But when it all goes wrong, you’ll be happy it’s there. Trust my wife; it undoubtedly saved her life one day on her motorcycle, when ABS prevented her from being in the middle of an accident that happened right in front of her. There was nothing for her to do but grab for everything the brakes would give her, on a rain-slick surface, at highway speeds.

By the way, what does ABS feel like on your bike, if it ever kicks in? If you’ve never felt it, then perhaps you might want to go find a safe place to at least experience it a couple of times, so that it doesn’t surprise you if the occasion ever arises.

The bottom line is that sure, you can ride a motorcycle without ABS. If you are a vintage rider, you do that anyway. But if ABS is available, why wouldn’t you want it? (And don’t give me the argument about cost. At the total cost of today’s new motorcycles, it’s really a non-factor).

ABS. You may never need it. Hopefully not. But if you ever do and it’s not there...

Ride Safe!

Doug Westly – Safety Editor

Florida News

South Director's Report

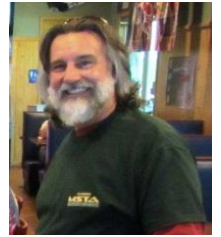
SUMMER TIME, AND THE LIVING IS EASY...

As I leave my air-conditioned house to drive my air-conditioned car to work in an air-conditioned office...

Now, let's get serious. Time to ride! Out comes every piece of gear I own with holes in it!! Ice water in the saddle bag. And a positive attitude! Remember, it's **snowing** in Argentina!! Really!

Tom had a great Central Brunch Ride experience. The new location worked out nicely. Mother Nature played nice with the weather. And plans were made to make this spot a repeat!! Check out his report below!

After a long wait between RTEs, the South Brunch Ride just transpired! Unlike the Central Ride, Mother Nature shook her rainy finger at the Atlantic coast just at departure time for the **Boynton Beach Boys!** Nonetheless, the fearsome threesome held up the Real Men mantle and met up at the "new" launch site out along the Bee Line. Fortunately, that would be last of the raindrops for the day! We made our way riding familiar roads in the opposite direction from our usual routing. Good times.



Van VanSteelant



Making excellent time as a threesome, we wandered into the [Two Peas Café](#) just a little early. As is their way, the staff and owners were ready and waiting for us. Great service, terrific menu and delicious! We eventually numbered nine. We welcomed new member Bob Bourbon to his first MST event! If we went to "Central Casting" to look for a member, we couldn't do better than Bob. BMW in the parking lot. Several riding stories about locations that we all know or dream about! And plans already in the book for a ride in AR with his son while he's back home on R&R from the Air Force! The rest of the assembled diners have been the most regular attendees this year! Thanks to you all for your support throughout the year!



L-R: Roger Spice, Tom Blake, Buck Jones, Brian Dickerson, Don Mroczewski, James Siler, Bob Bourbon. Van and "Jenks" Davies not shown. Photo: Van

Tom had the larger group this month, and a successful 50/50 raffle. We add \$18 to our total, now at \$1,065.00. A **BIG** thank you to all who participate. We should start discussing what good we want to do with our good fortune! Donation thoughts??

What's Next??

Be sure to check our RIDES calendar often to ensure you never miss one of our events!! www.flmsta.org The Central and South Ride destinations and dates are now set through December! We have some new ideas and places in mind!! Read on...

The Central Brunch Ride happens on **August 11th**! Join Tom and the Central members for a return adventure to [Mary's Kountry Kitchen](#), at 15945 County Rd 448, in Tavares. With great food, real friendly service and good roads in the area, you are out of excuses for missing this RTE!!

Just **8** days later, **August 19th**, the South Brunch Ride tries something a *little* different!! We will enjoy a **SUNDAY BRUNCH** at [Shuckers](#), at 9800 South Ocean Drive, on Hutchinson Island, in Jensen Beach! We'll gather at the same 9:30AM sit down, and marvel at the beach side setting and the brunch buffet!! A summer time twist...

Membership News

I have caught up with the latest membership print outs. I should have successfully culled the expired, and added the new members to my contact info. If you are receiving the *Gator Tale*, but not my announcements, PLEASE email me ASAP to correct my files. The last 12 months presented membership challenges for everybody in the Club. Because of the tenacious efforts of the Membership Committee, we are running through 2018 with a clean slate and smooth riding!!

My heartfelt THANKS to Don Moe for his efforts EVERY month to bring our Florida membership up to date with all the news about our new and renewing members!! **Here's what we know today...**

No new Florida riders joined the MSTA in July.

These four Florida memberships will expire soon or have recently expired:

Ellen Kocher

Carl Mobley

Ed Palmer

Richard Peabody

We urge all our members to renew their memberships and to continue supporting their MSTA. If you have a question about when your membership expires, please contact the membership committee at membership@ridemsta.com. Renewing or joining can be quickly and securely done online at PlanetReg.com/MSTArenew or PlanetReg.com/MSTAjoin respectively. If you use a pre-printed form from STARreview or an ITR, be sure to mail it to Beth Hemstreet, 5560 Stone Church Court, Loveland, CO 80537, and not to the address of a prior membership director.

When you encounter a rider who would seem to be a good fit as a new MSTA member, please pass along one of our Invitation-To-Ride quad-folds! For each new member you recruit starting in 2018 and who provides your name and/or membership number on the application, you will receive a coupon for a raffle ticket for the motorcycle drawing at our next STAR event. Since STAR Bucks coupons were discontinued this year, members still holding coupons should plan on redeeming them at rallies or other MSTA events before the end of 2018.

Random Ramblings!

Well, you read my STAR 2018 article before you got here. *Right!?!?* I hope you connected with the fun and rewards of participation. As with all things in life, the more you do, the more you get back. And the more you have to be grateful for... To be tearing around the country side on two wheels with great people... at "our age" 😊. Thank goodness I'm still able to make that adrenal gland clinch!!

STAR 2019 is right around the corner... in Bristol, VA. Yes, that is within spitting distance of the Bristol we know from NASCAR... The [Holiday Inn Express and Convention Center](#) will be our base. It's right next to some great roads. If you were at STAR in Johnson City a few years ago, you'll be smiling again for the same reasons!! And it's only 12 hours from Boynton Beach... 836 miles...

Make the effort to join us for Brunch this summer. Good times are sure to be enjoyed... I'm serious!!

Ride well! Ride often!! Do it safely!!!

ATGATT Van

MSTA Florida State Co-Director

Central Director's Report - July 2018

Looking forward to reading all the 2018 STAR stories in this issue of the Florida Gator Tale. However, here's some local activity to report on....

For our July 7th ride to [Goodrich Seafood Restaurant](#) in Oak Hill, unexpectedly moderate 70-degree starting temps and clear skies put huge smiles on our faces. Six of us rode up from West Melbourne via Deer Park, Christmas and Titusville – mostly rural, lightly trafficked and with a few nice curves.

An equally energized group of five from the Orlando suburbs was waiting in the parking lot when we pulled in. **Hugh P** was an unexpected surprise since he normally spends his summers in the north Georgia mountains. So, eleven in all – a nice crowd for this time of year, in this part of the state.

As seen from the covered deck, Mosquito Lagoon, part of the Intracoastal Waterway, was a little over two miles across, had lightly rippled waters and a smattering of boat traffic out in the channel amongst the various spoil islands – tranquil and very scenic. Although it wasn't all that hot out yet, the building



Tom Blake



Goodrich Seafood

Photo: from the Internet



CW from front, left: Alan, Budd, Hal, Marty & Steve (mostly hidden), Bruce, Glenn, Winfried (hidden), Carl and Hugh



CCW from back, left: Hugh, Carl, Winfried, Glenn, Bruce, Steve (hidden), Marty, Hal, Budd and Alan (hidden)

blocked what little breeze there was. So, we ate indoors – valuing comfort over scenery.

Inside, the restaurant was immaculate and nicely decorated. There were plenty of windows and sliders to let in natural light. Overhead, ceiling fans gently circulated air. The thermostat was set perfectly. The food was tasty and moderately priced. Service was friendly and timely.

In addition to the normal breakfast fare, their menu included such delicacies as mullet eggs Benedict, blackened [swai](#) with grits and oatmeal, and the ever-popular eggs with fried mullet – I'm sure all deliciously prepared. A bacon & cheddar omelet was more to my liking.

It was still in the low to mid-eighties with unthreatening skies when we started home. Comfortable riding. But the heat got seriously cranked up for the last half hour. All in all, for July, what more could a motorcyclist want, weather-wise?

In summary – unexpectedly good riding conditions; lightly trafficked, mostly rural roads; a very good restaurant at a scenic, waterside location and eleven friends with a common passion. If you missed it this time, fret not, we **are** going back.

I think everyone contributed to the 50/50 raffle. **Alan** won eighteen bucks. The rest was sent to **Van** for our chapter coffers.

Coming up on August 11th - we're headed to [Mary's Kountry Kitchen](#), 15945 County Rd 448, Tavares, FL 32778 ([map](#)) for our 9:30 brunch. Locals - and many not so local - know well and appreciate this place known for generous portions, friendly service and unique offerings. Mmmm. Just thinking about the *cinnamon bun pancakes* makes my mouth water. It should be doable for riders from ocean to gulf. *So, mark your calendar now and please join us if you can.*

It might be a good time to pull out the old hydration pack and fill it with ice. Also, although a bit skeptical about effectiveness in our humidity, I just ordered a *Fly Racing* cooling vest (highly rated for a modest \$40 through Revzilla). A few degrees can make a big difference.

Safe Journeys,

Tom Blake

Central Florida August Brunch Ride

Saturday, **August 11th**, 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

[Mary's Kountry Kitchen](#) ([map](#))

15945 County Rd 448

Tavares, FL 32778

Tom Blake

MSTA Florida State Co-Director

Member Comment

Dianne Park submitted this comment:

A Special Treat at STAR

... and no, I am not talking about the ice cream shop that was about 20 steps from the edge of the Radisson parking lot!

By now you have probably heard more than once, that STAR 2018 in La Crosse, WI was a “pretty good one”! Hopefully you were there to experience it firsthand.

I understand that Van is covering the topic of our 2018 STAR in depth, but he asked for a few words from others “to let everybody who couldn’t make the trip know what they missed”. This is not to rub it in but to share some additional details and hopefully create some advance excitement so ALL our Florida members can make STAR 2019 next June in Bristol, TN/VA. (You know the state line goes right down the middle of a street in Bristol, right?)

Anyway, Wednesday morning seven of us did something that is not typical at STARs. Even though we had to forego riding, I think every one of us thoroughly enjoyed our almost two-hour Segway tour. It takes about two minutes (if that) to learn (or get re acquainted if you have done so before). We started in the park out from our hotel down by the La Crosse Convention and Visitor Bureau and alongside the Mississippi River, touched into downtown La Crosse and then made our way across the bridge to the very pretty park on the far side of the river (straight across from the Radisson). With absolutely perfect weather, I felt it was one of my highlights at this year’s STAR!



Florida MSTA Apparel

As a reminder, our Florida State Storefront is open online for your MSTA-branded apparel! Go to mstaflorida.qbstores.com. We have made arrangements with the supplier for our National Gearbox to allow our State membership to buy shirts, hats, etc. with our State logos directly from the source!!! No muss, no fuss!! Order yours today!!



They offer both embroidery and digital print options. Click onto the Embroidered Apparel or Shop By Logo for each option. Don't hesitate to contact Queensboro directly with any and all questions. They are very customer friendly. They also offer Polo shirts and T-shirts with pockets!!

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., **August 11th**, 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM
Where: [Mary's Kountry Kitchen](#), 15945 County Rd 448, Tavares, FL 32778 ☎352-343-6823 ([map](#))
Description: This is a **little country gem** south of Tavares that we've been to before. Unremarkable on the outside, they serve up generous portions of home-cooked meals inside and the service cannot be friendlier. You don't want to miss it. Good roads to get you there.
Contact: Tom Blake, tblake1@cfl.rr.com, or ☎321-723-2857

MSTA Florida South Brunch Ride

When: Sun., **August 19th**, 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM
Where: [Shuckers](#), 9800 South Ocean Drive, Hutchinson Island, Jensen Beach, FL 34957 ☎772-229-1224 ([map](#))
Description: YES, A **SUNDAY BRUNCH RIDE!!** They offer a terrific brunch buffet. And, they are right on the beach!!
Contact: Van, busavan@flmsta.org, or ☎561-386-2594

Future Florida Rides

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 Brunch Ride

When: Sat., **September 8th**, 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM
Where: [Grills Riverside Seafood and Tiki Bar](#), 6075 N Hwy 1, Melbourne, FL 32940 ☎321-242-8999 ([map](#))
Description: We had a great time here last year. On the shore of the scenic Indian River Lagoon, this place serves up some good food to go along with picturesque water views from inside and out. And there's plenty of paved parking.
Contact: Tom Blake, tblake1@cfl.rr.com, or ☎321-723-2857

MSTA Florida South Brunch Ride

When: Sun., **September 22th**, 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: Between the sweet roads in this area, and their delicious menu, we can't miss with this destination!!
Contact: Van, busavan@flmsta.org, or ☎561-386-2594

Regional Events

Two Wheels of Suches Dual Sport JFF Event

When: Fri.-Sun., **September 14th – 16th**
Where: [Two Wheels of Suches](#), 1915 Hwy 60, Suches, GA 30572 ☎706-973-1671 ([map](#))
Description: Just a heads up. Check out ridemsta.com or msta-se.com for more details as the event gets closer.
Information: Event webpage: msta-se.com/Suches%202018.pdf
Contact: Steve Rodnon, srr3200@gmail.com

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](#).
We welcome articles and comments from our members for publication. Contact the editor at: editor@flmsta.org.
The MSTA National [website](#) has extensive event information:

- 🏍️ To join the MSTA or renew your membership: [click here](#).
- 🏍️ For the Events in 2018: [click here](#).

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Mystery Hyperlink of the Month

This month's Mystery Hyperlinks are related to the safety article:

[Mystery Hyperlink #1](#)

[Mystery Hyperlink #2](#)

[Mystery Hyperlink #3](#)

CLASSIFIED ADS

To find a buyer for your motorcycle items, please send your ad and pictures by email to editor@flmsta.org