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Feature Article

A Day Ride on the Big Island

By “[Radioaktiv](#)”

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Refer to this map on Google: google.com/maps/@19.5928218,-155.4962018,10z]

At the end of September, Mrs. Radioaktiv and I took a vacation to the Big Island of Hawaii to celebrate our 20th anniversary. We had been there several times in the past, and every time we go, I think that I should rent a motorcycle for a day... but it's never happened... until this trip.

Like many of us, I am working on riding a motorcycle in each of the 50 states (and wherever else I can for that matter) and this was a perfect chance to knock Hawaii off the list. Mrs. Radioaktiv has no interest in being on two wheels, so she scheduled an all-day stand-up paddle board session. A win for both of us as far as I was concerned.

We had made the reservations for each activity way before we left for vacation, so I came prepared with my own gear. Mrs. Radioaktiv dropped me at the shop right at opening on the way to her paddle board lesson; she grabbed the requisite photo before heading out.



The bike was a Yamaha FJ-09 and bit more “well worn” than I had expected. I think it was a 2015 model (I never checked, and I am not up on the Yamaha models) with 41,000 miles — but, the price was right, and it was a beautiful day for a ride.

Today's route

I decided that I would mostly stick to the north side of the island for the day. While there was lots to see on the south side of the island, this was the first day that [Hawaii Volcanoes National Park](#) would be open after the eruptions, and the traffic was expected to be heavy on that side of the island.

I left [Kona](#) on the [Mamalaho Highway](#) north towards [Saddle](#)

[Road](#) which, once you get out of town, is a pretty nice road for motorcycling. The new and improved Saddle Road is certainly the quickest way across the island, but not the most exciting road. The scenery is fantastic, but the road is the closest you will get to super slab on the Big Island.

My first stop of the day would be the [Mauna Kea Observatories Visitor Center](#) – or as it is properly called – The [Onizuka Center for International Astronomy](#) Visitor Information Station. The ride up there was really fun with lots of twisties and huge elevation gains. I didn't spend much time at the visitor center - we planned to come back the next day to actually see what they had there and take a look at the [Mauna Kea silversword](#) garden. Today I just wanted to ride up there as the road looked fun on the map... I didn't even get a photo of the visitors' center. I did take one on the way back down though. ↗



Leaving Mauna Kea, I continued over the Saddle towards [Hilo](#). We had been in Hilo the day before, so it was just a drive-thru today on the way to the greener side of the island. I did stop for a quick break at an overlook on the way through. →



After a quick stop at the overlook, I continued around Hawaii Belt Road to the north with a few wanderings down the side roads to the [Hawaii Tropical Botanical Gardens](#), [Laupāhoehoe](#) Beach Park, and [Waipio Valley](#) Lookout. ↓



What I find really incredible about the island of Hawaii is that on one small land mass, you can see 10 of the world's 14 climate zones, and today, I would see most of them – from Hot Desert to Wet Tropical.

Leaving Waipio Lookout, I continued around the belt road towards the north side of the island toward [Waimea](#). The lush, rolling green hills are not what most would typically think Hawaii would look like, but this is one of my favorite parts of the island. Most also wouldn't think that one of the oldest cattle ranches in the US is on Hawaii. The [Parker Ranch](#) pre-dates many of the ranches in Texas and other southwest states by 30 years. At 250,000 acres, it is also larger than many of the mainland ranches.

After passing through Waimea, I turned north on [Kohala Mountain Road](#), which offered some fantastic views down over [Puako](#) and [Waikaloa](#). →

Once reaching the northern part of the island I stopped for a break and to grab a bite to eat – a perfect lunch for a riding day – [Spam musubi](#) and [Lumpia](#)! ↙



I continued around the north side of the island to where the road ends at the [Pololū Valley](#) Lookout. The hike to the bottom of the valley and the black sand beach is a very nice, short hike — but we'd be back to do that later in the week. For now, just a photo before backtracking through [Hawi](#) and all the way around the north point of the island back around to [Kawaihae](#). ↓



I rode back up through Waimea and then rode the short spur of Old Saddle Road that is still left. This road was originally built by the military, and was the shortest route across the island. Before the nice, wide, new Saddle Road was completed — the old road may have been the shortest route across the island, but it certainly couldn't have been the most pleasant.

It was now time to start making my way back to Kona to return the bike. I cut down Waikaloa Road which takes you from the foot of Mauna Kea past [Waikaloa Village](#) all the way down to the barren lava fields near the resort areas. This road is much curvier than it looks, and the elevation loss is pretty dramatic. I really had to watch my speed on this road – downhill, smooth pavement, and really nice sweeping corners. It was also getting to be dusk, and the [wild goats](#) were starting to appear on the side of the road... I certainly didn't want to hit one of those.

I dropped off the bike and Mrs. Radoaktiv picked me up and brought a change of clothes. We finished off the day at [Ola Brew](#) in Kona. Ola Brew is relatively new, but they are putting out some really nice beers and [ciders](#)!

Left to right, bottom to top: IPA, Strong Ale, [Vanilla Porter](#), Watermelon Ale, Vanilla Porter, Pineapple cider, [Dragon Fruit](#) cider, [Rambutan](#) cider. →



All excellent... except for the watermelon one – not really my thing. The vanilla porter may be one of the best I’ve had!

While I did not get to ride the entire island, I did get just shy of 300 miles in for the day. The weather was spectacular, the sights were great and the Yamaha did just fine. A great day of riding, and I was able to add Hawaii to the “I’ve ridden a motorcycle there” list!

If I did it again, I would probably do the same (or similar) route. I would have liked to get on the road a bit earlier, but I was stuck with when the rental shop opened for my start time. If I were to do it again (24 hour rental), I would see if I could pick up the bike just before the shop closed, and start the ride much earlier, returning the bike just before the shop closed the following day. I would have liked to get on the road at 6 or 7 with a stop at [Hawaiian Style Café](#) for breakfast, and then have the entire day to ride.

If you are an ATGATT guy, I’d recommend bringing your own gear if you can... the rental helmets seemed a bit nasty to me.

I would avoid the south side of the island on a motorcycle – there are great things to see on that side, but the traffic can be heavy, and the ride itself isn’t all that exciting. There are tons of little winding roads on both sides of the belt road between Hilo and [Honokaa](#) that are worth exploring. They are very narrow and winding, so just be mindful on the blind corners. The ride up to the Mauna Kea Visitor Center is a lot of fun as well — it’s pretty steep, but if it’s clear you get some great views.

I’d plan the day to be on the north side of the island for a mid-day meal stop. [Big Island Brewhaus](#) in Waimea has great food and beer, but the little food shacks in [Kapaau](#) would be my choice. Gil’s Lanai, Minnie’s Ohana Lim Style, or L&L Hawaiian BBQ. If you are renting from a shop in Kona, I’d certainly end the day with a trip to Ola Brew - great beers and ciders. The times we have been there, there were food trucks outside as well.

If you have not been to the Big Island before, be aware that police officers use their personal vehicles, so they can be a bit hard to see. I did see many people pulled over between Kona and the resort areas, so I’d be mindful of your speed.

All in all I don’t think you can go wrong anywhere you ride on the island. I personally think the north side has the best riding, but there is cool stuff to see everywhere on the island. If you do ride on the south side, check to see what roads are now closed from the lava flows last summer.

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.*

Group Riding Tips

FL MSTA riders will be gathering for a run to Peck's Seafood Restaurant, at the end of Ozello Trail, on the New Year's Day ride. Accordingly, I thought I'd review some good safety tips for group riding!

A good ride starts with a good ride leader. That means a leader who rides for the group, not for himself or herself. A good leader will consider the riding abilities of the group, and will conduct the ride at the level of the least experienced or skilled rider.

Every group ride should start with a ride briefing. It doesn't have to be a 20 minute safety lecture, but it should include the basics as a reminder. These typically include route to be followed, group formation, cautions about road conditions, what to do in case of an emergency, etc. It is the responsibility of the ride organizer or ride leader to make sure this critically important step is accomplished.

Every rider has a role to play in a group ride. The leader sets the pace and tone for the ride. Riders maintain safe spacing distances, focus on the ride and the group. Riders should remain courteous to others in the group, not crowding or pushing those ahead, and not accelerating away to the point of leaving others behind. There shouldn't be any passing within the group unless it's signaled and accepted by the rider being passed. If this is going to be allowed, how it is accomplished is up to group agreement.

Then there is the sweep rider, another critical component. Ideally the lead and sweep rider will have communications with each other. While not an absolute must, communications makes the job of sweep rider a lot easier. The sweep rider should be responsible for maintaining observation of the group as it rides, and be able to alert the lead rider if he or she spots any potential concerns or problems.

The one continuing challenge with group rides is the group getting separated during the ride. There is an easy solution that should be routine for all group rides. Never lose sight of the rider behind you. If the group starts to string out, or gets separated by traffic or a light, then a rider should slow down until they can see their fellow group member behind them. If the ride route takes a turn while the group is separated, then the last rider still in the first part of the group should wait at the turn until the rest catch up.

A good group ride is a cooperative effort. It takes effort on the part of all riders to make sure the ride is safe, fun and successful. Remember that you may have to make a few minor sacrifices for the good and safety of the group. In fact, you may find that if the group slows you down a little, you may discover some time to relax and really enjoy the countryside.

There will be a couple of groups headed to Peck's Restaurant on New Year's Day. We will be leading one of them and can't wait to enjoy a nice outing with fellow MSTA riders. You should do the same!

Ride Safe!

Doug Westly – Safety Editor



Lunch Ride at [STAR2017](#) in Colorado

Florida News

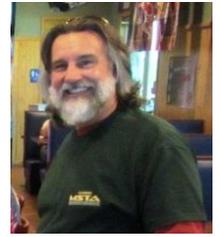
South Director's Report

THE END IS NEAR...

Not in the political nor biblical sense...

Just the month and the year!! We have enjoyed another fun-filled year of rides and events.

Locally, we had consistently good turnouts for our Lunch/Brunch rides. Our Just For Fun Daytona weekend was terrific! The annual Bike Week Lunch was held at a new location, and won rave reviews! And for the baker's dozen who made it to STAR in WI this summer, you know what everyone else missed by staying home!



Van VanSteelant

Just as the weather couldn't have been better for Tom's Central Lunch Ride, the Southies rode all day in full anticipation of foul weather. Catch Tom's "sunny" report below!! Meanwhile, Van and Steve Phillips held up the "Real Men" mantel for the Eastsiders, foraging our way through gloom and doom past Lake O and onto the Highlands Plateau! There, we were intercepted by Doug Farnham, who timed his departure from the Melbourne area perfectly to find us at the Shell Station at 27&70!! We three made haste and enjoyed some back roads west of Venus and around Rainy Slough. Our route took us just out of reach of the worst of the threatening clouds. As we approached the parking lot to [Laisley's Crab House](#), the sky unleashed a mighty misting...

Eight weary road warriors enjoyed the great service and fine fixings that we always find here. Though the water view wasn't crisp and inviting, we enjoyed our stay and the good company. Catching up with Pete's and Bob's summers, along with Rich's tales of adapting to the Poconos, had us all in full laugh.

Though the skies were lightening up on the west coast, we rode back into ever-threatening clouds until about an hour from our homes, we got the soaking we dodged all day. Not so bad considering we rode 340 miles that day.

We will end the year with our 50/50 collection at \$1,262.00!! I'm inclined to send out an email asking you to help choose a charity/good cause for us to support. We could make 20-50% of our holdings available and have enough left for the FL MSTA expenses. **A BIG THANK YOU** to all who support our efforts.

What's Next??

Be sure to check our RIDES calendar often to insure you never miss one of our events!! www.flmsta.org By the time you read this, all the FL MSTA rides for 2019 will be posted. We have some new ideas and places in mind!! Read on...



Steve Phillips, Doug Farnham, Rich Peabody, Bob Bourbon, Pete Kauk, Brian Dickerson & New member: Carlyson Delgado
Photo by Van

First up, our New Year's Day Lunch Ride to [Peck's Old Port Cove](#). We promoted this ride a week or more ago to insure you all would be able to join Tom for the return of a Florida classic event.

On January 12th, join the Central Lunch Ride and make your way to the [Old Spanish Sugar Mill Grill and Griddle House](#), on 601 Ponce De Leon Blvd, in De Leon Springs. Tom has a terrific description posted to our Rides calendar. A MUST READ!!

A week later, Jan. 19th, join the Southies for a SOUTH lunch ride to the [Camellia Street Grill](#), on 202 Camellia St W, in Everglades City! Our annual ride to a vital part of our State. Come see for yourself!!

Membership News

If you are receiving the *Gator Tale*, but not my announcements, **PLEASE** email me ASAP to correct my files. I believe I'm up to date...

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...

We welcome two new Florida riders who joined the MSTA in December:

Carlyson Delgado John Randolph

We thank this Florida member for renewing his membership in December:

Michael Ewanus

These 20 Florida memberships will expire soon or have recently expired:

James Beyerl	Keith Harrison	Alan Miller	Larry Snell
Frederick Blackall	Chuck Headrick	David & Leslie Noyes	Tulio Suarez Thillet
Robert Croot	Kevin Healey	Prior Powers	"Van" VanSteelant
Carmel Frawley	Kim Longacre	Phillip Ridgdill	
Raymond Harcourt	Steve Marcum	Bill & Nicole Rorke	

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. Any new or current member who joins or renews as a Sustaining Member will likewise receive a coupon for a raffle ticket for each year of the new membership term. Since STAR Bucks coupons have been discontinued, members still holding coupons should plan on redeeming them at rallies or other MSTA events before the end of 2018 when they will expire.

Random Ramblings!

By now, you know that the raffle bike for 2019 is a **GOLD WING!!** You even get to choose the model! Raffle tickets will be available soon. Get a head start when you register for STAR 2019 and add 10-20 tickets to your tally!!

You want some **FREE** raffle tickets... That's easy!! Every new member that you help sign up earns you a **FREE** bike ticket!! How easy is that!! I have plenty of ITRs, or simply direct them to www.ridemsta.com Make sure they use your name as the referring member!

Here's hoping Santa brought you everything your wished for... 😊

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

ATGATT Van

MSTA Florida State Co-Director

Central Director's Report – December 2018

I hope your holidays were joyous, inspirational and memorable.

And you have my sincere wishes for a Happy, Prosperous and Safe New Year!



Tom Blake

Dec 8th: My goodness, what a perfect day for a ride. Upper sixties to upper seventies, mostly mid-seventies with clear and sunny skies. Light breeze. Low humidity. Absolutely perfect. Three of us met in West Melbourne and totally enjoyed about a two-hour ride to the [Swamp House Grill](#) in DeBary. We picked the most entertaining roads and the most enjoyable were Lakeshore Dr across the top of Lake Monroe and the Enterprise-Osteen Rd leading to it. Old oaks with Spanish moss hanging from their limbs canopied the meandering 2-lane. Traffic was practically non-existent.

The Grill was fabulous. I didn't remember paved parking right in front from my initial visit, but there it was. After nearly half an hour in the parking lot looking over and talking about the wide array of machinery, my stomach began to churn. Ten of us then made our way inside.



Early arrivals

There was more than enough room. They were prepared, welcomed us warmly and sat us all together – tables end-to-end. Eventually, three more showed up and then one more – making fourteen in all. In addition to the usual suspects from Melbourne, Orlando and Flagler Beach, I was also very pleased to see three riders from the Gainesville area and one from, yes, Lake City. We even enjoyed the company of a couple from Ontario, Canada. They said they rode down just for this lunch! No one believed that, of course. But we were very pleased they could join us (Keith's friends).



CW: Peter (dark cap), Alan, Bill, Eckart, Win, Steve, Chris, Keith, Vickie, Hugh, Hal, Carl and Roy

The food was rave worthy. Everyone mentioned how good it was. And I have to say, our waitress did an excellent job of tending to our wants and needs. I heard a lot of praise for her, the food, everything. So, the Swamp House Grill will go into the rotation next year. This is, hands down, the best one we've found yet along the St Johns.

One of the selling points from their website was the scenic views of the river. It was not hype. They are along a particularly nice stretch and steady boat traffic on this beautiful day made it that much more picturesque.



St. Johns River with boat traffic in background, docking area behind the Grill in the foreground

By the time you read this, the **Statewide New Year's Day Lunch Ride** to Peck's Old Port Cove will be in the bag. More on that next month.

Please mark your calendars now for **January 12th** (noon). That's when we ride to De Leon Springs and the [Old Spanish Sugar Mill Grill and Griddle](#) inside the state park of the same name. De Leon Springs is a small town on US 17 between Deland and Barberville, west of Daytona. We will have table space reserved.

All I can say is this will be a very special experience. Inside what once was an operating sugar mill powered by the flowing spring, each table has a built-in griddle or two. Two pitchers of special pancake batter are provided per griddle. You sit right there and make your own pancakes, as many as you want, just the way you like them. Toppings are available. Bacon, ham, sausage, eggs, homemade breads, salads and sandwiches are also available. There's a \$2/person park charge for motorcyclists payable at the entrance. The food is very reasonably priced. So please, come join us!



Old Spanish Sugar Mill Grill and Griddle... and spring

Safe Journeys,

Tom Blake

MSTA Florida State Co-Director

Central Florida January Lunch Ride

Sat., January 12th, 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM

[Old Spanish Sugar Mill Grill and Griddle House](#) (map)

601 Ponce De Leon Blvd

De Leon Springs, FL 32130

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 Lunch Ride

When: Sat., **January 12th**, 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Where: [Old Spanish Sugar Mill Grill and Griddle House](#), 601 Ponce De Leon Blvd, De Leon Springs, FL 32130 ☎386-985-5644 ([map](#)) [*Note: Ponce De Leon Blvd runs NW off of US 17 at the post office*]

Description: The old Spanish Sugar Mill is located inside De Leon Springs State Park. There's a \$2/person park fee for motorcyclists paid at the entrance. The restaurant is adjacent the springs which powered the mill back in the day. Inside, each table contains a griddle on which you cook your own pancakes (if that's your pleasure). One batter - a mixture of 5 stone-ground flours - and another of unbleached flour are provided in pitchers. Blueberries, bananas, chocolate chips and other toppings can be ordered as well as sausage, bacon, ham, eggs and homemade breads. Other foods available include salads and sandwiches. Prices are very moderate. After lunch, explore the park on foot and walk off some calories. Not having been there in years, I am very excited to go back. [OldSpanishSugarMill.com](#)

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MSTA Florida South Lunch Ride

When: Sat., **January 19th**, 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Where: [Camellia Street Grill](#), 202 Camellia St W, Everglades City, FL 34139 ☎239-695-2003 ([map](#))

Description: We had a blast here last year! They were grateful to have visitors after recovering from Irma's wrath... Good eats in a funky locale. Inside/outside, on the water!! If you didn't join us for the National Park Boat Tour last time out, you can make amends now! Check out the website, and make your own reservations. Last visit, we were able to commit to the 2:00 tour. The dock is 5+ minutes from the restaurant. Check out their website... [EvergladesNationalParkBoatToursGulfCoast.com](#)

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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 South Lunch Ride

When: Sat., **February 9th**, 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Where: [Beef ‘O’ Brady’s](#), 11841 Palm Beach Blvd, Fort Myers, FL 33905 ☎239-267-9236 ([map](#))

Description: Read on!! The Southies are riding first this month. Here’s why... We are combining a unique event with our lunch ride this month! Our plan is to enjoy the usual fair at Beef ‘O’ Brady’s and then make our way outside to enjoy the Show!!

The Second Annual 2-Stroke Only Vintage Motorcycle Show will showcase some of the best vintage original paint machines and restorations out there.

An array of antique bikes will be displayed and judged in beautiful Southwest Florida. The event is FREE to the public with a small fee to enter bikes. There will be live music, vendors, food, dealer exhibits and more!

More info on their website... 2strokebikeshow.com

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MSTA Florida Central Lunch Ride

When: Sat., **February 23rd**, 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Where: [Don Jose’s Mexican Restaurant](#), 4731 Lakeview Dr, Sebring 33870 ☎863-385-9326 ([map](#))

Description: Note the date - we are swapping weekends with the Southies this month to allow them to include the 2nd annual Vintage M/C Show featuring 2-Strokes Only in Ft Myers as part of their February ride. Then, we can all enjoy a country ride to centrally located Don Jose’s. It’s colorful and attractive, has great lakeside views, a diverse menu and plenty of paved parking. Last year’s construction should be complete making the outside patio a possibility. They open at noon and we want to be first in line as the place is popular and fills quickly.

(Don’t be surprised by the appearance of several South members for this ride!!)

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Regional Events

13th Annual Dania Beach Vintage Motorcycle Show

When: Sat., **January 26, 2019**, 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Where: Frost Park, 300 NE 2nd St, Dania Beach, FL 33004 ([map](#))
Description: This year's theme is *Italian Motorcycles!! Zoom Zoom!!*

Mark your calendars for the biggest Vintage Motorcycle show in South Florida! Over 400 antique bikes will be judged under the trees at beautiful Frost Park in Dania Beach. There will be live music, vendors, bike parts swap meet, food, dealer exhibits, motorcycle field games, Roller Derby Girls, vintage bicycle display, kiddy play area and more!

The event is **FREE** to the public with a fee to enter bikes. Proceeds benefit K9S For Warriors, Southeastern Guide Dogs and Dania Beach Lions Club.

So bring the whole family for a day of sun and fun!!!

Go to www.daniabeachvintagebikeshow.com for more info!!

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Second Annual 2-Stroke Vintage Motorcycle Show

When: Sat., **February 9, 2019**
Where: [Beef 'O' Brady's](#), 11841 Palm Beach Blvd, Fort Myers, FL 33905 ☎239-851-7492 ([map](#))
Description: The Second Annual 2-Stroke Only Vintage Motorcycle Show will showcase some of the best vintage original paint machines and restorations out there.

An array of antique bikes will be displayed and judged in beautiful Southwest Florida. The event is FREE to the public with a small fee to enter bikes. There will be live music, vendors, food, dealer exhibits and more!

More info on their website... 2strokebikeshow.com

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Vintage Iron Classic Motorcycle Festival

When: Sat., **March 2, 2019**, 11:00 AM – 7:00 PM
Where: Lake Park Art District, 700 Park Ave., Lake Park, FL ([map](#))
Description: Our Shows have become Florida's largest and most exciting Vintage Motorcycle Festival's. Our family oriented event attracts vendors, bike builders, and spectators from around the globe. The streets are filled with over 300 vintage motorcycles of all makes and models ranging from; restorations, custom builds, bobbers, to cafe racers. The annual event is set to attract over fifty vendors, with live music from some of Florida's largest acts. The show will delight over 5000 spectators throughout the day amidst hundreds of classic and vintage motorcycles.

Trophies will also be awarded for show bikes in several categories:

Best in Show, Best Cafe Racer, Best Restoration,
Best Bobber, Best Dirt Bike/Scrambler,
Best British, Best Japanese, Best American & more.

2019 theme is 80's motorcycles!

We have special VIP parking for all 80's motorcycles & special award categories.

Register your Motorcycle today!

Our charity for 2019 is: Kelsey Cares Art Foundation Info at Kelseycares.org

Contact: Website: [Vintage Iron Club](#) or Facebook: [Vintage Iron Club](#)

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:

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