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Feature Article

Touring Tip: Just A Ridin' In The Rain

By James T. Parks



[Ed: This article first appeared in the December 2014 issue of this newsletter and is reprinted here for the benefit of our members.]

Many, if not most, of us consider riding in the rain a necessary inconvenience when we're caught out in it while going from point A to point B. The experience is frequently made more burdensome because of: inadequate riding gear, reduced vision of scenery and road hazards, loss of traction, increased navigational challenges and fogged glasses and face shield, just to name a few. Often we discover too late that we forgot to pack defogger, rain mittens or some other item critical to reducing the discomfort and increased risk of riding in the rain.

It's my contention, however, that riding in the rain is often less pleasant than it really has to be, partially because we avoid doing it unless forced to ride in the wet. But like most of motorcycling's other acquired skills, practice almost always leads to a better riding experience. In that vein, here are my top 10 tips for improving your rain riding proficiency and, yes, even enjoyment:

1 Expect Rain: Even if the sun is out, and there's not a cloud in the sky before leaving home, expect the possibility of rain during any ride that lasts more than a couple of hours. That means



Jim Park in the rain on the Dragon

riders should almost always pack rain gear. And, by the way, most textile riding gear that says it's rain resistant, or even waterproof, usually isn't in long, soaking rainfall. So pack your rain gear!

2 Trust Your Tires: One of the biggest phobias of inexperienced riders, once pavement becomes wet, is that their tires will rapidly lose traction. The soft rubber composition of motorcycle tires (especially compared to car tires) means that most of them retain about 80% of their dry pavement traction. The presence of oil, antifreeze or any one of a number of other chemical substances on rain-slick roads, however, can significantly compromise traction. If wet pavement appears to have a reflective sheen, these chemicals may be present.

3 Avoid Plastic Stripes on Pavement: Pedestrian crossings and some other road markings are actually white plastic strips adhered to the pavement. These stripes become slippery when wet. The same is true for metal road surface coverings, tar snakes, wooden planks at railroad crossings and other similar road materials not made of asphalt or concrete. If these hazards cannot be avoided, then ride over them at a right angle, at moderate speed, with the bike perpendicular to the road surface.



Road striping

Photo: [Durham Region, Ontario](#)

4 Treat Your Face Shield: Recently I was caught in the rain without any treatment for my face shield. The rain accumulated in droplets, diminishing my ability to see down the road in what, already, was a low light situation. I regularly use plastic polish to keep the surface of my face shield slippery, allowing water droplets to be largely blown away by the wind. I've used Rain-X on occasion, but it is designed for glass and doesn't work well on a plastic face shield. It's a good idea to treat your shield before beginning any ride.

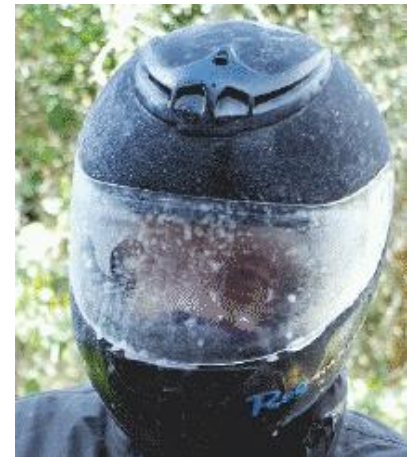


Photo: [Rider Magazine](#)

If your shield fogs up, don't open it completely, because that will enable rain droplets to deposit on the inside that are hard to clear without stopping and removing the helmet to do so. Make sure all helmet vents are open and only crack the shield slightly to increase airflow and exhaust condensation.

5 Inspect Rain Gear Integrity: Over time rain gear can lose its ability to repel water. I learned this lesson once, the hard way, when my dated rain gear began leaking during a daylong ride in heavy rain. The combination of riding wet in the wind caused me to lose body heat, become chilled and then sick enough that I couldn't continue riding the next day. Nowadays I replace worn rain gear regularly and buy suits with heavy gauge material.

6 Be Visible: I will never understand why some OEMs make black rain gear, particularly the jacket. It's hard enough to see riders in rainy, low light conditions, without making them virtually invisible to human sight. If your rain gear top isn't especially colorful or visible, wear a high-viz vest on top of it. Because most other

vehicles will have their lights turned on in the rain, reflectors also will improve other motorist's ability to see and avoid you.

7 Slow Down: Although a relatively small amount of traction is lost on clean wet pavement, it still makes sense to ride more carefully in the rain by avoiding: (1) excessive speed; (2) steep lean angles; (3) close proximity to other vehicles; and (4) aggressive stopping maneuvers.

8 Don't Push Your Luck: It's one thing to ride in rain, but quite another to ride into a thunderstorm or even a heavy downpour. Because your riding risk factors are already heightened in rainy conditions, know when to get off the road and take shelter. Remember, your rubber tires won't provide any protection in the event of a lightning strike and there's nothing between you and flying debris picked up by high winds. Common sense should tell you when it's time to "fold 'em."

9 Practice: Here's a radical idea: go riding in the rain, even when you don't have to! As is true with most other motorcycle riding skills, practice improves ability, confidence and enjoyment of the experience. The same is true for riding in the rain. Practice effective rain riding techniques close to home so they will be second nature when you need them on a road trip.



Dianne Park in the rain on the Dragon

10 Learn to Enjoy the Experience: The rhythmic pitter-patter of raindrops, while ensconced in a warm dry cocoon, can be both enjoyable and relaxing. It only can be so, though, after mastering tips 1 through 9 above. I've heard of some motorcyclists, who enjoy rain riding so much, they actually look forward to rainy days in the saddle.

Long story short, a rainy day doesn't mean that your two-wheeled adventure has to stop being safe and enjoyable.

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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.*

Downsizing for Safety and Fun

Why do so many riders think that unless they have the biggest, fastest bikes around, they are somehow less of a rider?

I surmise that like in a lot of other industries and enthusiast venues, we have been brain-washed by the “experts”, who tell us that more horsepower equals more excitement and fun. The bigger the bike, the more we are perceived as a “real rider”.

The reality is very different for a lot of riders. Yes, an experienced and capable few (probably less than 10%, in my estimation) can expertly handle that 150+hp, 600+lb, 34" seat height adventure bike (you may substitute touring bike, sport tourer, cruiser, etc. here as you wish). A larger percentage can safely ride it, to less than its full performance envelope, the majority of the time. Then there is another large percentage who want/need/must have it simply because it is the newest, fastest and “coolest” bike out there. In the process, those latter two categories of riders may be sacrificing fun and safety. By the way, this refers mostly to male riders. I think it has something to do with them equating the size of their bike to the size of...well, you get the point. I will point out that this doesn't eliminate the female gender, though. I've seen some of the same struggles there as well.

There is also the challenge of aging. As riders get older, just handling a big bike can be taxing.

Too many times I've attended informal bike gatherings where I watched a rider struggle with a bike that was obviously too big or heavy for them. I'm not referring to simply backing up a motorcycle in a gravel parking lot. Almost everyone struggles a little with that at times. I am referring to riders who are challenged in just picking the bike up, off the side stand.

If a rider has difficulty managing their bike under the most benign conditions, what is going to happen in an emergency situation?

Perhaps some riders should consider an alternative. Instead of struggling with the biggest, fastest, heaviest bike they can barely manage (and can't lift, if it were to simply fall over), maybe a smaller, lighter mount is the way to go.

Sometimes we forget that smaller bikes can be just as much, and often more fun than the latest OEM behemoth. A smaller, lighter bike means more control in those ungainly moments. It means not having to worry which foot you have to put down when the pavement falls away on one side, at traffic lights. In emergency maneuvers, they pretty much turn on a dime.

You may also find a smaller, lighter bike is actually more fun to ride. I certainly do. One of my favorite rides in the garage is a Honda CB500X, a full 150 lbs. lighter than my big ADV touring machine.

Smart riders know what they can safely handle. They also know how much fun (and less work) a smaller motorcycle offers. Sometimes good things do come in small packages...

Ride Safe!

Doug Westly – Safety Editor

See our [Mystery Hyperlinks](#) for further articles on this topic.



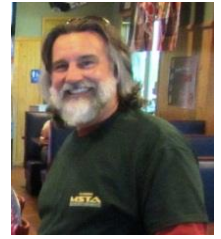
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Florida News

South Director's Report

AND WE'RE OFF AND RUNNING.....

Three rides in one month! Tom "outdone did" himself with the New Year's ride to Peck's AND a Central lunch ride to DeLand!! Then the Southies headed SW to Everglades City. This month, nearly every member was within a three-hour ride to a great restaurant and good company!! Tom's two-part report is below...



Van VanSteelant

Once again, the [Camellia Street Grill](#) impressed the 17+ riders with the location, hospitality and brilliant food preparation! We enjoyed an outdoor table overlooking the canal that leads to the [Chokoloskee Bay](#) and some of the finest fishing in Florida. Perfect temps, great friends new and old... We only had three riders clocking less than 100 miles to join us. New member, Carlyson, had the shortest ride and a free lunch, as he won the 50/50 raffle this time around! We had a great start to the year's collection. The total for all three rides came to \$101.00!! That brings us to \$1,363.00 to start the year off! Thanks again to all who participate!!

The ride down from Palm Beach County included some new faces and first-timers! Don White, Bruce Lyon and "Metalflake" Herb joined Buck Jones and myself for our yearly romp through the orchards and farm land way south of Lake O. With empty roads, we made good time. Though you can count the sweepers on two hands, they were fun nonetheless! Fortunately, several riders were able to add some more fun to their ride home. Some headed east to drop in on an old friend, and others made their own way home taking in some other parts of truly south Florida! [Photos by Van.]



What's Next??

NOW HEAR THIS!! THE SOUTH LUNCH RIDE IS FIRST UP IN FEBRUARY!!

We are heading to Fort Myers to check out the **Second Annual 2-Stroke Only Vintage Motorcycle Show**, which will showcase some of the best vintage original-paint machines and restorations out there. Chances are really good that you'll see one of your first bikes at this show!! Mark your calendars NOW for Saturday, Feb.

9th. We will chow down at the [Beef 'O' Brady's](#) for lunch. They are in the same shopping center as the bike show!! For show info, [2strokebikeshow.com](#) As the location is quite east of “downtown” Ft. Myers, the ride in will be a breeze for everybody.

Two weeks later, join Tom and the Central members as they drift south to Sebring to take in [Don Jose's Mexican Restaurant](#). I suspect that the Southies will likely be well represented on that Saturday, Feb. 23rd. With the nice lakeside setting, outdoor seating, and terrific food, who would stay home???

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 four new Florida riders who joined the MSTA in January:

Tom Batchelor	Nir Frucht	Judy Powers	Alan Spears
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These 13 Florida memberships will expire soon or have recently expired:

Frederick A Christ	Chuck Headrick	Alan Miller	Robert Sauer
Robert Croot	Kevin Healey	David & Leslie Noyes	Carlyle Swofford
Raymond Harcourt	Kurt Heide	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 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.

Random Ramblings!

OK — you know the raffle bike is a Goldwing of your choosing... And the Honda Demo Team will be at STAR with a full complement of Hondas, including more than one Goldwing!! And you just received your preprinted raffle tickets in the mail... hmmm... I know I'm sending them all back with a check! Of course, the more I buy and the fewer you buy, the better the chance I have a new bike sitting next to my Busa!!

(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! Alternatively, renew your MSTA membership as a Sustaining Member and get two free raffle tickets for each year of your new or renewed membership, along with a 10% discount on Gear Box items and event registrations.)

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

ATGATT Van

MSTA Florida State Co-Director

Central Director's Report - January 2019

So, your new year is off to a great start, right? For thirty-three of us it certainly was. Then add thirteen more.

The FLMSTA All State New Year's Day Ride: New year, new miles! Have to say, successfully resurrecting an event that Bill Royal made popular for so many years was a challenge. But my esteem for Peck's is high – even though it's an all-day ride from the Melbourne area. And who can overlook [Ozello Trail](#) which caps the ride with nine miles of twists and turns heading out through the gulf's marshes - a zesty and unique finish.

Okay, the traditional 'good luck' meal was missed. But who believes in superstitions these days? And bowl games? I recorded one. But my team lost. So, I just deleted it.

December 9th's trip to Peck's in 2017 was miserable - cold and rainy but it had to be done. This time, the opposite. Once the fog burned off there were just beautiful, sunny skies. Temperatures hovered in the mid-seventies for most of



Tom Blake



Here's a smattering of our bikes and riders. How about the background?



More of the same (photos courtesy of Brian Dickerson)

the day. For January 1st or any time of the year, it could not have been a more pleasant day to ride.

Bill said for his NYD rides, attendance varied from three to fifty and averaged around eighteen. Our 33 slotted in well above that average despite it being a Tuesday. So, truly, we had a *royal* turnout. I credit the exceptionally nice weather, lots of pent-up desire and, most likely, the chance for many to do a little catching up

with Bill, whose presence was no doubt rumored. After all, he was the Central Director for so many years and then absent until this past November. It's hard to be *'the boss'* for so long without attaining a little star power. Of course, publicity helped - thanks, Van, for your support. Also, to Jim Park for posting the event on FB. (To my knowledge, no one hoteled it New Year's Eve.)

Nearly half of the attendees were from the west central area as expected. But we had participation from each segment of the state except the far northeast and way out in the panhandle.



**A little over half of our crowd around the center row of tables.
The group to the left was not with us.
(Photo by Tom)**

**Same row of tables from the other end
(Photo by Tom)**



**Our 2nd row of tables –
happy, hydrated, hungry
(Photo by Tom)**

Besides Bill, of course, it was especially nice to see fellow Pennsylvanian and ex-Sun City Center member Larry Troutman. He rode down initially for the year-ending Stagecoach Ride-In IBA event in Alabama along with Bill and Sally who rode up to meet him. Van's friend Kevin 'Wizard' Healey from West Palm Beach made a showing. New members Carlyson Delgado from Ft Myers and Mike Ewanus of Lake City rode in. Buck DeShazo was there and many more – members, prospective members, past members, friends – too many to list. My thanks to Doug Westly and Bill McDaniel (and unknown others) who supported the event by volunteering to lead small groups as well as those who just invited a friend or two along. Solo riders, too. Everyone's participation was appreciated. I was just stoked to be able to successfully bring this event back for you all.

The 50/50 netted a whopping \$99. \$50 went to winner and member Hal Smith. \$49 is heading to Van to help with chapter expenses.

Airport Restaurant & Gin Mill: And then we had our *regular* Central lunch ride on the 12th. The original plan was for delicious, make-your-own pancakes at the Old Sugar Mill in De Leon Springs SP. My mouth waters just thinking about it. But we could not get reservations and wait times were beyond unacceptable.

So, we changed plans and rode to the nearby Airport Restaurant in Deland instead. They were ready for us and had outside tables prepped with large waters, menus and setups at each seat. Service was good. Food prep time was short. The food was plentiful, tasty and reasonably priced. My turkey club was delicious and so thick I had to bevel it off at the edges. We sat adjacent the tarmac where we could watch the aircraft and skydivers.

Hardly a four-star restaurant, but plenty good for our needs and in just the right spot.

Our table from both ends



The weather, once again (knock on wood), was perfect – dry, mostly sunny skies and temperatures in the low-to-mid seventies. This is the reason we live and ride in central Florida this time of year.

Venues in this part of the state are not expected to draw huge crowds. But huge crowds aren't necessary to have a great time. What we do need is to occasionally accommodate valued members and friends from north and east of Orlando. And that's exactly what happened - riders came in from Melbourne, north Orlando, the Villages, Flagler Beach, Gainesville and Jacksonville. And we did have a great time.

The raffle grossed an amazing \$50 with \$25 going to our friend Eckart Schneider. So, \$25 more is heading to Van.

On **February 23rd**, Central heads to **Don Jose's Mexican Restaurant**, 4731 Lakeview Dr, Sebring 33870 for a noon lunch.

Yes - note the date – it's not a typo. We are swapping weekends with the Southies this month.

Sebring is centrally located, albeit south of the Orlando divide. Don Jose's is 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 because the place is popular and fills quickly. We'll have reservations but want to get a jump on orders hitting the kitchen. See you there.

Safe Journeys,

Tom Blake

MSTA Florida State Co-Director

Central Florida February Lunch Ride

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

[Don Jose's Mexican Restaurant](#) ([map](#))

4731 Lakeview Dr,
Sebring 33870



Our group at Don Jose's Mexican Restaurant on 4/7/2018.

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 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 out 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

Contact: Van, busavan@flmsta.org, or ☎561-386-2594

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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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 Lunch Ride

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

Where: [3 Bananas](#), 11 S Lake St, Crescent City, FL 32112 ☎386-698-2861 ([map](#))

Description: Everyone who's been to 3 Bananas knows this is one of our most popular destinations. Indoor and outdoor seating is right at the edge of scenic Crescent Lake. They have a friendly and relaxed atmosphere, not to mention good selection of sandwiches and wraps at moderate prices. Nice rural 2-laners get you there.

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FL MSTA Daytona Bike Week Lunch Ride

When: Thurs., **March 14th**, 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Where: [1884 Restaurant and Bar](#), 12 E. Magnolia Ave, Eustis, FL 32726 ☎800-856-1884 ([map](#))

Description: Last year, about half the riders were from out of state. We had a great time catching up and meeting new friends. It's a fabulous place inside, spacious, too. We have a reservation for 25 but let's just see how big of a crowd we can bring in 2019. This might be the year to take the day off from work or home chores and come join your riding buds and budesses.

On-street parking in front of the restaurant was adequate last year but a bit limited. If necessary, 1884 suggests using the free parking garage along East Orange (SR-44), the street just south of them. The garage is in the next block east. There's also a parking lot behind the restaurant but last year it was full. The restaurant has a back entrance off that parking lot.

By the way, you cannot get there without traveling some of Florida's better motorcycling roads. If you're coming from Daytona, freshly repaved CR-42 west of Deland is a delight. Pick it up from SR-44 just across the St. Johns River. Then hop onto SR-19 at Altoona and head south into Eustis. The restaurant is just off 19 to the east.

Check their website at www.1884restaurantandbar.com

Contact: Tom Blake, tblake1@cfl.rr.com, or ☎321-723-2857

MSTA Florida South Lunch Ride

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

Where: [Solomon's Castle](#), 4533 Solomon Rd, Ona, FL 33865 ☎863-494-6077 ([map](#))

Description: Here we go again!! A one-of-a-kind destination that has always delivered good times, great grub and lots to gab about!! If this is your first visit, consider hanging around after lunch and check out the man's Castle!

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Regional Events

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](http://VintageIronClub.com) or Facebook: [Vintage Iron Club](https://www.facebook.com/VintageIronClub)

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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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

Women's Olympia Gear for Sale

- 🏍️ Women's Olympia Airglide 3
- 🏍️ Jacket size XL
- 🏍️ Pants size 16
- 🏍️ Worn to STAR in Colorado Springs

In like-new condition. The gear is 3-4 sizes too large for me, even though I ordered based on Olympia size chart. Asking \$100 obo for each.

Dorothy Anderson
☎ 863-697-8496



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