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[Feature Article](#)

2020 Ocala Fun in the Sun A Just-for-Fun Event

By Jim Park

Often members comment at our lunch rides that there's never enough time to visit with fellow riders. So the Ocala weekend was their chance!

We had a nice turnout with 18 riders staying at our host hotel the [Equus Inn](#) (formerly the Quality Inn). We were also joined for lunch with other riders living nearby. Our MSTA Executive Committee recently made an arrangement with the BMW Riders Association (BMWRA) to cross promote each of our respective clubs events on each of our website calendars. Thanks to those efforts we had Sammy Groover and Doug McCafferty, two BMWRA members from Georgia, come down for the weekend, a couple of nice guys who fit in well with the group. I'm told that they plan on attending future MSTA events! Good work, EC!

We arrived at our hotel Friday afternoon around 3:00PM, taking my usual pattern of all back roads. Starting out with some wet roads from rain in the Palm Beach area, the skies became clearer and the temperatures cooler the further north we rode. It was a great day to ride! Just a side note, we stopped in [Fort Basinger](#) for a photo shoot of yours truly for reaching my 100,000 mile mark on my 2015 Yamaha Ténéré.

Friday evening we met at the local watering hole, Ruby Tuesday's next door where we enjoyed a few adult beverages and the great company of fellow riders. As we usually do things, we decided by committee to have our evening dinner at the [El Toreo](#) restaurant just a



Dinner at El Toreo

brief walk from our hotel. Our meals were good (by all reports) and the service was much improved from our experience two years ago! It was a good choice!

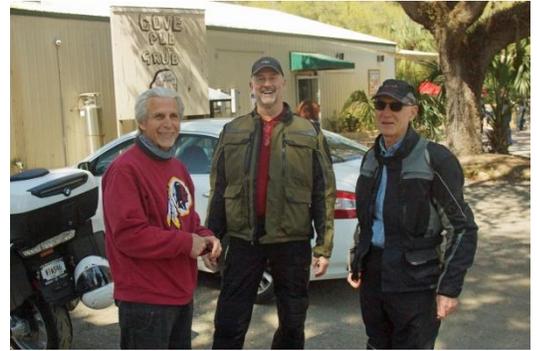
Saturday morning was chilly being in the low 40's! It was liner weather but heated gear was not the order of the day. We had perfectly clear blue skies all day! Thanks to Dale Hall, now a full time resident of the local community of *The Villages*, we had a great back road route for the mornings ride. We had enough riders to justify breaking into two groups. Dale led the first group while I followed leading group two. The ride was highlighted by riding a local favorite the [Ozello Trail](#). Unlike most Florida roads, the trail consists of lots of twists and turns through pine forests and back water savannahs. The trail is one-way in and out so Dale had planned a social stop at [Peck's Old Port Cove](#) our turn around point, not to eat but to just gab!



Group at Peck's Old Port Cove

It was a short ride to the previously planned monthly Central Florida lunch in Inverness, [The Cove Pub and Grub](#). Thanks to Tom Blake, Florida State Co-director, this was a great selection! The food and service were great and we even had a very large reserved table waiting for us when we arrived!

After lunch many riders had their own plans for the return trip back to our hotel. I elected, along with six others, to follow Dale on some more great back roads. Florida really does have some great roads if you just know where to look. Our ride took us through forests, a few small towns and horse country that bring to mind Lexington, Kentucky. It was the kind of riding day that you just didn't want it to end, great roads and great weather!



Stephen Evans, Sammy Groover & Don Mroczenski

Over dinner that evening, we had lots of smiling faces and much talk about where to plan for next year. Let's do it again!

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Additional Photos:

<https://msta.smugmug.com/Jff/2020-Fun-in-the-Sun/>

Video of ride:

<https://youtu.be/OMtQQeHiGIM>

SAFETY TALK

IMPORTANT NOTICES: *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.*

Due to his busy schedule with Honda, Doug Westly has decided to discontinue his safety columns in our Florida MSTA Newsletter as well as in STARreview. We sincerely thank Doug for his many years of excellent articles. Until another rider steps forward to volunteer to prepare new safety-related articles, we will republish Doug's previous articles, with his permission.

Bike Cleaning

[Ed. Note: This article was previously published in the September 2012 edition of The Florida MSTA Grapevine.]

Have you ever seen a rider astride a bike so dirty you couldn't figure out the year, model or even make of motorcycle? I am talking about the mud-caked, grime-encrusted bike ridden by someone who professes pride in its appearance. Apparently there is some imagined status in riding a bike that looks like a mud clod; a status that I cannot figure out. (I am sure this last statement will generate some commentary, so feel free...) However, personal preferences for various states of mechanical cleanliness aside, I suggest there is another potential concern with a motorcycle that perpetually wears a layer of imbedded grime, and that concern is safety.



After riding the Dalton Hwy. Photo: [Adam Bertram](#)

If you never clean your bike (and some proudly proclaim the only time their bike gets washed is when a rainstorm pops up over them), then how do you know what is going on under that extra layer of grime? On the flip side, giving your bike a good cleaning every once in a while affords the perfect opportunity to inspect your bike. In fact, my own philosophy is that the primary purpose of cleaning your bike is not for the visual result, but rather for the automatic safety inspection it provides. If you clean the bike top to bottom at least every once in a while, touching every available surface and moving every articulating part, then you're bound to stumble across potential problems.

Last week I was doing my usual post-ride cleaning and discovered a loose bolt in the process. If I did not routinely clean the bike I probably wouldn't have discovered the minor issue until it became a major headache. Cleaning the wheels usually means you have to spin them. As long as you're spinning the wheels, you might as well check the tires. I've found at least one nail in a tire that way. When was the last time you inspected your tires for foreign object damage?

When you clean a bike, it also provides the opportunity to extend the life of various mechanical parts. For instance, cleaning the fork sliders will help keep dirt and bug parts from working under the fork seals, a routine cause of fork seal damage and resulting leaks. I found that one out as the result of a stern lecture from my track bike suspension guy, as he was replacing the leaking fork seal on my Ducati 1098. If you are riding a late-model shaft drive BMW, then cleaning the rear end will give you the perfect opportunity to do the 3-9/6-12 rear wheel check, to ensure the dreaded rear drive failure gremlin isn't sneaking up on you. The same cleaning byproduct applies to potential problems associated with many other makes and models as well.

Whatever you ride, you and it can always benefit from a good cleaning every now and then. Don't think of it as a cleaning chore. Instead, think of it as the perfect opportunity to safety check your motorcycle!

Doug Westly – Safety Editor (Retired)

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

Florida News

South Director's Report

WELL, WHAT A DIFFERENCE A FEW WEEKS CAN MAKE.....

This time last month, we were promoting 4 riding events for the Florida membership. We were blessed to squeeze in the first two, likely because they were scheduled only days apart, and both before the 15th of the month!! Please read up on those events elsewhere in this issue.



Van VanSteelant

You'll find oodles of info in Tom's [report](#). You've received my email weeks ago concerning how the Florida Chapter will go forward during the upward trend of the spreading of COVID-19. Tom and I were a bit ahead of the rest of the country, but were very correct with our actions. As the "stuff" is still hitting the fan, and the hoped for "flattening" of the curve has yet to be seen, we will hold off on any decision for May's events. Let's use April to play a small part in the big picture of reducing the spread and giving our medical community a chance to catch their breath...

What's Next??

As for the various regional events still on the calendar, go right to the source for the latest info. The event coordinators have their contact info attached to their announcements.

Go to www.ridemsta.com Click on EVENTS above the header. The April calendar should load, and just like our own, click on the event title and scroll down for the email addresses. *[Ed: As of 3/29/2020, that calendar still shows several April rallies still happening. However, the [MSTA-SE webpage](#) shows that the **Dillard** and **Shenandoah** rallies have been **canceled** and that the **Helen** rally is tentatively still on schedule. See the [Regional Events](#) section of this newsletter for additional information.]*

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...

No new Florida riders have joined the MSTA recently.

We thank these five Florida members for recently renewing their memberships:

Eve Blazsur	Chuck Headrick	Eckart Schneider
Frederick Christ	Kevin Healey	

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

James Clement	Adrian Jones	Victor Salisbury	Doug Westly
Rebecca DeShazo-Westly	Glenn Monroe	Larry Solomon	Ed Zaslow

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 done quickly and securely 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 the new member of our new membership team, **Scott Snedden, 5380 Old Bullard Rd, Suite 600-315, Tyler, TX 75703**, who replaces the retiring Beth Hemstreet, and not to the address of any prior membership director.

If you only want to update your phone, email, bikes, or other details, you can do so quickly via PlanetReg.com/MSTAupdate. Please include enough unchanging information to assure the correct member is updated in the database.

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!

And now, I get personal. As you've read in Tom's [report](#), he has made the decision to let somebody else take the reins of Central Director. Tom stepped up a few years ago when the Central area was in true need of steady guidance. And though I had to nearly twist his arm out of the socket, he relented and said yes. It was the beginning of a beautiful relationship! From the terrified beginning, through the acquisition of vital restaurant locations (thanks Hugh!), and then applying the discipline of a fine engineer, Tom excelled in his efforts to excite the membership throughout the Central region. He leaves on the best of terms. He established relationships with the Space Coast BMW crowd and the local [PowerSports](#) dealership. He maintained the long legacy of the Bike Week Lunch Ride, while adding the Black Friday Lunch Ride and resurrecting the New Year's Lunch Ride, with a tip of the visor to Bill Royal... Did I mention we were selected Co-Directors of the Year for 2019?!?

It has been a great pleasure to work and play with Tom. We have shared meals, plans and anxieties. I will miss my team mate's contributions and hearty laugh. And I know he will work to make the next co-director's transition as smooth as possible. Feel free to contact Tom or myself about assuming this vital role.

For the next month, PLEASE heed the directions of our local and state leadership. Stay the course with social distancing and consistent hygiene efforts.

This too shall pass. Be a contributor to the efforts to hasten the decline in the deaths from and spread of COVID-19.

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

ATGATT Van

MSTA Florida State Co-Director

NOTICE

On April 1, 2020, Pat Mogavero, MSTA President, informed the Membership Committee that STAR 2020 will be rescheduled to September due to the Coronavirus COVID-19. The membership will be notified shortly by mail/email of the new dates and any other changes.

Central Director's Report - March 2020

Well, March, 2020 will go down in the history books. What an absolute sea-change we've gone through. It certainly started out benignly enough. I don't think any of us were prepared for the stunning rapidity and magnitude of life changing measures that would follow.



Tom Blake

We opened with the March 6th-8th Bike Week Ocala event that Jim Park headed up. That Saturday, the 7th, twenty-four of us met at the [Cove Pub & Grub](#) off of SR 44 about 3 miles east of Inverness for the Central lunch. And there were twenty-two who showed up Thursday, the 12th, for the Bike Week lunch at the [St John's River Grille](#) west of Deland. (More on the lunches below.) Several of us rode over to Deland and Daytona afterward and stopped for a few minutes at the Honda and BMW shops before hightailing it home. Neither shop was particularly busy while we were there.

I heard no talk of the virus during the first weekend at Ocala and Inverness. By the Bike Week lunch just days later, there was growing concern among some riders and not so much for others. Van and I began discussing [social distancing](#) and what FL MSTA might have to do. By that weekend, the stuff had hit the fan and our lives were being turned upside down and inside out.

By Monday, *social distancing* was the new norm, we elderly were being told to stay home and schools were closing. Stores had a run on and were out of toilet paper, sanitation products and certain foods. By Wednesday governments were mandating closures....

Obviously, FL MSTA had to suspend activities. After consulting with National, Van put the word out on the 17th. We will ramp back up when the time is right. Lunch and brunch schedules for the rest of 2020 are on our calendar ready to go. They're showing as cancelled but if you open, the restaurant and date are still there.

The MSTA Executive Committee, per a March 18th email, is leaving it to regional and state coordinators to continue, cancel or reschedule their events in accordance with rules and recommendations of respective authorities. We are advised to put the members' best interest first and err on the side of caution.

For now, STAR in early June is still on but it's under review and a decision isn't expected until sometime in April.

For the counties we just met in, **confirmed** COVID cases are still minimal as of about noon on March 26th (14 days after the BW lunch). Marion (Ocala), Citrus (Inverness) and Volusia (Deland/Daytona) were at 5, 11 and 29, respectively. The numbers for Volusia are just now starting to blossom; but of the 29 confirmed cases, 14 are travel related. Attendees may take at least some comfort from this bit of information which comes from: <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/96dd742462124fa0b38ddedb9b25e429>. (Stats for each county can be viewed by clicking on the county in the state map or in the county list on the right.)

Also, as of the 26th, I am symptom-free. I do have attendance sheets for both lunches. If any of you who attended have symptoms that may have originated during that time, please give health authorities my name and email so that the lists can be made available to them.

I'm trying to be calm and optimistic but like everyone else, can't make out yet how this is going to play out. China's Wuhan is apparently just starting to slowly come out of it. But it's been, what, 2 or 3 months? And they were under much tighter controls than are being used here!

All I can say is – God Bless our healthcare community for putting their own health, even lives, on the line for the rest of us – especially those in our larger metro communities. It is just unfortunate and, honestly, unforgivable that more wasn't undertaken sooner to get the healthcare supply chains moving. The effort is still disjointed and greatly lacking and we continue to hear inane BS and more lies. Here's a quote that's been around for a long time that seems apropos:

There are two ways to be fooled.

One is to believe what isn't true; the other is to refuse to believe what is true.

— Soren Kierkegaard (1813-1855)

And then, on a more hopeful note, there is Kitty O'Meara, a retired Madison, Wisconsin teacher, who wrote this thoughtful prose poem entitled “And the People Stayed Home” as she hunkered down for COVID-19:

And the people stayed home. And read books, and listened, and rested, and exercised, and made art, and played games, and learned new ways of being, and were still. And listened more deeply. Some meditated, some prayed, some danced. Some met their shadows. And the people began to think differently.

And the people healed. And, in the absence of people living in ignorant, dangerous, mindless, and heartless ways, the earth began to heal.

And when the danger passed, and the people joined together again, they grieved their losses, and made new choices, and dreamed new images, and created new ways to live and heal the earth fully, as they had been healed.

Well, the outlook for older folks and those with “underlying conditions” certainly seems less certain. I'm not sure if any of mine qualify as underlying, but this May I will turn seventy-five. So, it is not a time to be out there taking unnecessary risks with this virus. Also, of late, my body has been screaming at me to dial back the long rides.

Therefore, I think, now is the right time for me to step down as your Central Director. The activity suspension will allow time to get someone else on board and up to speed. I will, of course, gladly assist whoever's willing to give it a shot. Contact Van or me if you're interested. It's truthfully very rewarding, great fun and really not that demanding of one's time. We have a great group of riders in the central state area who need and deserve someone to step up for them.

Van might even be willing to rejigger the boundaries of our regions where it makes sense or create additional, smaller ones. Destinations are already established for this year. Once we get going again, all that would be needed is to coordinate with the restaurant about a week in advance (guidance is available), notify riders (or have Van do it) and then be there to enjoy the camaraderie, snap a picture or two and then later write a little blurb about it for the newsletter.

I got into this with great apprehension but it grew on me. The restaurant spreadsheet that Hugh Palmer gave me early on, with a little re-organizing, turned panic into my go-to planning tool. It is available. The Central area

has been very active with enthusiastic monthly and Bike Week lunches or brunches at (mostly) great locations. We also reintroduced the *Royal* New Year's Day Ride to Peck's and a Black Friday lunch at Goodrich's Seafood. We've added new members and pulled some old ones back in. And through it all, Van has been there as a mentor whenever I needed his help.

Poring over and repeatedly editing my monthly reports became a second job that I have thoroughly enjoyed (except when Don publishes them and yet another oversight is revealed). Honestly, I've obsessed – partly because it takes longer for my age-addled brain to form coherent sentences; but mainly because I haven't had anything more enjoyable to do.

So, allow me now, to go back to comparatively utopian times for a minute or two and tell you a little about the two lunch rides we just had. They will probably be the last for a while so sit back and savor. You know you have the time.

Someone else can go into the Bike Week Ocala event. I will only comment that the name of the hotel – [Equus Inn](#) – has puzzled me ever since the name change from Quality Inn. The desk clerk explained that *Equus* is Latin for horse – Ocala, horses, equines... OK, ok, now I get it. They are still under the Choice Hotels umbrella but now in the “historic, boutique, one-of-a-kind” *Ascend Collection* portfolio.

The Cove Pub and Grub, on the outside, was a large, unimpressive warehouse-like structure. It sat back a ways and you couldn't see it from the highway. Plus, there was no signage along the road. If you didn't have the address in your GPS, or hadn't been there before, you would have ridden right past. The road back was paved but narrow. Then it opened onto a large, hard packed parking area under the trees. Beyond the parking area and through the trees you could make out the edge of Henderson Lake. The group I was with from the Ocala event was the last to get there a few minutes before noon. So, we wasted no time in moving inside.

They had a long, bracket-shaped (J) table reserved for us along one wall as well as a couple four-spots. All twenty-four of us were clustered nicely for conversations. Did I mention warehouse? The place must have held well over a hundred customers including the large, outdoor patio with tables and colorful umbrellas. And they were packing them in, inside and out. This is obviously the place to go in the Inverness area. It had a certain endearing ambiance inside with the wood paneling and all the *stuff* hanging on the walls. Sort of reminded me of a roadhouse (remember Patrick Swayze?). Well, it is a pub.

The wait staff was all over us taking drink and then food orders. They did a fantastic job start to finish. The kitchen took a while because the place was large and jumping. But once our orders started coming out, everyone was served within just a few minutes. The food was tasty and very reasonably priced. I heard a lot of: “How did you find this great place? We really like it and should definitely come back... we were really impressed.” So, whoever has the Central region (or North) next year – listen up.

Our Bike Week Lunch was on the last Thursday of Bike Week (as usual) just five days after The Cove. This year we moved to *The St John's River Grille* which is at the river a few miles west of Deland and only about a half hour from the Speedway. Lorrie, the manager, set us up with a good-sized area in their screen room with a nice view of a very scenic section of the river. Twenty-two showed up, of which only two, this year, were from out of state. I was pleased to see Tim Vipond there. Unfortunately, his wife Teresa, our previous Central director, didn't come. It would have been nice to chat.

The place was clean, the wait staff did a super job and our food was delicious and very reasonably priced. I had a bowl of spicy chicken, shrimp, scallops and sausage gumbo that was just excellent. My lips burned for the rest of the day! There were a number of compliments on the restaurant selection. Everyone seemed quite pleased with the place and the location. So, again, take note.

Finally, Van put out links in his recent email to help us stay factually informed about COVID-19. You might want to bookmark the site below as well (and the one noted earlier in this report). Obviously, media is awash with information – just not all of it is factual or accurate. Some is very politically biased. Now is the time when we need the truth.

Consumer Reports now has an on-line coronavirus resource HUB with all kinds of information available to anyone to help combat the misinformation and confusion that's out there:

https://www.consumerreports.org/coronavirus/coronavirus-covid-19-updates/?utm_source=acxiom&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=20200318_fundr_online_march_covid19_blast1

In closing, it has truly been my pleasure to be a co-director for the past few years. I have met some extraordinarily nice people. We've enjoyed many good and memorable times together. Thank-you.

Stay well my friends and, please, show some compassion for and help those less fortunate who are suddenly jobless or unable to leave home. And, come on, leave some dang toilet paper and sanitizers on the shelves for the rest of us!

Safe Journeys,

Tom Blake

MSTA Florida State Co-Director

P.S. Check this out: <https://www.cyclenews.com/2020/03/article/social-distancing-the-toni-bou-way/>

Central Florida April Lunch Ride

Sat., April 4th (Canceled)

Northeast Director Needed

If you would consider taking the position of Northeast Director, please contact Van, busavan@flmsta.org.

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.

WE HAVE CANCELED OUR LUNCH RIDES THROUGH THE END OF APRIL. WE ANTICIPATE RETURNING TO OUR REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS ONCE THE WORST OF COVID-19 HAS RUN ITS COURSE. LOOK FOR UPDATES COMING SOON. WE APPRECIATE YOUR UNDERSTANDING.

MSTA Florida Central Lunch Ride

When: Sat., **April 4th**, 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM (CANCELED)
Where: [3 Bananas](#), 11 S. Lake St, Crescent City, FL 32112 ☎386-698-2861 ([map](#))
Description: This place is one of the most unique lakeside places we ride to and it just overflows with character. US17 is a pleasure to ride. If you've ever been there before, you need no cajoling to go back. It's one of a small handful that I would ride all day for.
Contact: Tom Blake, tblake1@cfl.rr.com, or ☎321-723-2857

MSTA Florida South Lunch Ride

When: Thurs., **April 18th**, 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM (CANCELED)
Where: [Sunset Grille](#), 2650 US-27, Sebring, FL 33870 ☎863-471-3900 ([map](#))
Description: We return to a recent favorite! The back patio and lakeside location makes this simple establishment a must visit... I bet we'll see a few Central members join us here as well.
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.

We are starting the **BRUNCH** rides earlier this year. We hope to miss the worst of the Luv Bugs...

MSTA Florida South Brunch Ride

When: Sat., **May 16th**, 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM
Where: [Country Café](#), 2053 SE Hwy 70, Arcadia, FL 34266 ☎863-993-0094 ([map](#))
Description: The Southies kick things off with a ride *west*, to a new destination for us in Arcadia. A week later, the Central riders will be heading east, to the ocean!!
Contact: Van, busavan@flmsta.org, or ☎561-386-2594

MSTA Florida Central Brunch Ride

When: Thurs., **May 23rd**, 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM
Where: [Goodrich Seafood Restaurant](#), 253 River Rd, Oak Hill, FL 32759 ☎386-345-3397 ([map](#))
Description: We've enjoyed the brunches here. Casual dining adjacent the Canaveral National Seashore and Mosquito Lagoon. In addition to delicious special seafood brunch items, this restaurant has good service and great views. Parking is unpaved, so you might want to bring a kickstand support just in case. This place is really growing on me.
Contact: Tom Blake, tblake1@cfl.rr.com, or ☎321-723-2857

Regional Events

SEVERAL EVENTS HAVE BEEN CANCELED OR POSTPONED DUE TO CORONAVIRUS.
CHECK WITH EVENT COORDINATORS FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

Norm's & Doug's Dillard Dual-Sport Just-for-Fun Event

When: Thurs.-Sun., **April 2nd-5th** (CANCELED)
Where: **The Gateway Inn**, 64 White Oak Ln, Dillard, GA 30537 ☎706-746-3585 ([map](#))
Description: A weekend of fairly easy Dual-Sport riding. Mostly two-track, lots of gravel, some rocks, some dirt.
Information: Check out the website: msta-se.com/Dillard.pdf
Contact: Norm Kern, nkern@kernvideo.com, or ☎937-609-0931
Doug Pippin, doug.pippin@bellsouth.net, or ☎828-490-8529

North Georgia Classic / Just-for-Fun Event

When: Fri.-Sun., **April 17th-19th** (CANCELED)
Where: **Quality Inn Downtown Helen**, 15 Yonah St, Helen, GA 30545 ☎706-878-2268 ([map](#))
Description: Ride some of the best roads in the Southeast.
Information: Check out the website: msta-se.com/helen
Contact: Andray Hubble, andrayhubble@gmail.com, or ☎256-572-2719

21st Annual Riding Into History

When: Sat., **April 25th**, 10:00 AM (POSTPONED)
THE WHOLE EVENT HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED TO APRIL 24TH, 2021!!
Where: **World Golf Village**, 1 World Golf Pl, St. Augustine, FL 32092 ([map](#))
Description: Celebrating: Brilliant British Bikes.
Information: Website: ridingintohistory.org, or Facebook: facebook.com/riding.into.history

Shenandoah Spring Romp / Dual-Sport & Street Ride

When: Thurs.-Sun., **April 23th-26th** (CANCELED)
Where: **The Village Inn Harrisonburg**, 4979 S. Valley Pike, Harrisonburg, VA 22801 ☎540-434-7355 ([map](#))
Description: This Virginia location has excellent dual-sport mountain trails and awesome twisty street roads!
Information: Check out the website: msta-se.com/Shenandoah.pdf
Contact: Galen Diehl, gediehl4@comcast.net, or ☎256-572-2719

TriSTAR / MSTA

When: Fri.-Mon., **May 22nd-25th** (Tentative)
Where: **Alleghany Inn**, 341 N. Main St, Sparta, NC 28675 ☎888-372-2501 or 336-372-2501 ([map](#))
Description: A regional favorite!! In 2019 the event was designated as a Just-for-Fun event; this year it may be a regular event with registration and meals as in prior years. Check the event webpage for updates.
Location: Sparta, NC – Excellent street riding in Blue Ridge Mountains of northwestern North Carolina.
Contact: Geoffrey Greene at hawkgtrider@aol.com or ☎865-659-4755
Information: The event webpage is available at www.msta-se.com/tristar/

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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