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Feature Article

The 2019 Big Lynn Lodge Event

By Tom Blake

The plan was to ride my KTM Super Duke GT about 650 miles to the [Big Lynn Lodge Event](#) in [Little Switzerland](#), North Carolina this past July. It would have been my third LD motorcycle trip this year.

However, on departure morning, all sources were predicting temperatures of around 100°F in interior Georgia and South Carolina. And those were actual temperatures, not feels-like. That put the *quajidas* on riding for this 75-year old. I would tow. Only the mountain areas would be spared this ungodly heat wave enveloping the eastern US. Dog days!



Photo: Internet

The rally has been going on for years and is, by all accounts, very popular. I've never gone because in 2004 when I did stay there, my bed was hard as a rock. Now, I've been assured, the beds are good.

Big Lynn is a sprawling mash up of one and two-unit cottages plus old motel-like strings of rooms. They're in the mountains alongside twisty NC 226A and just a few yards from the [Blue Ridge Parkway](#) (BRP). There's also the lodge building which includes the front desk & lobby, a large dining room and a comfortably furnished reading room – both offering great views of the valley and ridges beyond. Activity rooms are downstairs (pool



Big Lynn Lodge in Little Switzerland, NC (pictures above and below from their web page)



table, games, etc.). Pine floors and paneling are everywhere. Outside, a well-maintained lawn extends to the drop-off into the valley. It really is an appealing setup.

The other thing about Big Lynn is that, in addition to all-you-can-eat breakfasts, you get full dinners (meat, potato, vegetable) plus dessert and your beverage(s) of choice, all included in the standard room rate. I found the food to be well prepared and tasty. Alcohol is extra. You're on your own for lunches.

Now back to my story. By the time I finally decided to go, Big Lynn was already booked up. Of the three overflow properties, one was too pricey. A second didn't have rooms for all nights. Fortunately, the [Alpine Inn](#), just five minutes away, came through. It turned out to be a clean and peaceful step back in time with fabulous views – better than Big Lynn. Just wish the bathroom had been a little more accommodating.

I invited an old riding buddy, Ken, to join me. He lives in North Carolina now. We get together once or twice a year to put some rubber down on those glorious mountain curves. He's finally retired but can still hustle his big GL1800 when he feels like it (usually trying to keep up with me).

This year's Big Lynn Lodge Event ran from Thursday through Saturday, July 18th through the 20th. Ken and I arrived at the Alpine Inn Wednesday afternoon and checked in. We unloaded and headed for Big Lynn to pay for our meal vouchers (so we could eat breakfast and dinner there) and see who else had arrived. No one. Apparently, everyone shows up on Thursday and leaves on Sunday. Note taken.

So, what about the riding? Well, there were about a dozen routes of varying lengths and headings available for GPS download before even leaving home... or map printouts with turn by turn directions, if that's your thing. One or two were ADV routes. There was something to suit everyone's taste and time constraints.

Thanks go to Doug Pippin for the superb route planning, GPS and map work. Of the dozen, we only used portions of two this trip. Still, Doug's fine work introduced us to many delightful roads we never would have found on our own.

On Thursday after breakfast, we attempted the Erwin Loop (right) which headed north out of Little Switzerland (center, right) and zipped around this way and that through the mountains up to Erwin, Tennessee (top – it's just a little below Johnson City). Talk about twisty? That was a blast!

We stopped for lunch in Erwin then headed in a mostly southerly direction towards Asheville (bottom, left). About two-thirds of the way through this leg, following the green line on my GPS, we somehow got sidetracked onto NC 197



near Bernardsville, and were heading up a mountain toward Burnsville when the pavement turned to gravel (center area of map). We turned around. Two more attempts to get out of the area took us back to the gravel.

We were running out of time, so decided to skip the lower half of the loop and just get over to US 19E and into Spruce Pine and then back to Little Switzerland. All I can say is that somehow, the route got messed up on my GPS. NC 197 wasn't even part of Doug's route plan. And for some reason, my Zumo didn't recognize that section of gravel road as unpaved. It could be my GPS saw a *faster* way to the final destination and ignored the later waypoints along Doug's route. Whatever. Dinner really tasted good that night.



On Friday, we started the 157 Mile Loop (left) which headed south and then southwest and then westerly before steering north past the east side of Asheville. This was great fun and took us through some really nice areas of upscale country homes and other interesting sights. Since it was right there, we decided to detour into Asheville for lunch.

Then, we abandoned the preplanned route altogether and hopped on the BRP (yellow line) heading northeasterly to [Mount Mitchell](#). At 6,684 feet, it's the tallest peak east of the Mississippi on mainland North America (yes, taller than Mt. Washington). It's a fun ride up to the parking lot and snack bar near the top. There's a viewing structure up top which we decided not to hoof it up to this trip.

After getting back on the BRP to Little Switzerland, dark clouds started forming and it got downright chilly. We stopped so I could put my rain liner on under the mesh jacket. Ken, on his Goldwing, said he had all the protection he needed. The liner warmed me up and prevented actual *r-a-i-n* from interfering with the remainder of the ride. Donning rain gear often has that effect, as many of you know.

Friday evening after eating, we enjoyed listening to "Almost Vintage", a local band of primarily MSTAs members, performing mostly rock but some country on the side porch of the main Lodge building. It would have been nice to relax, have a few beers, listen to the band until they finished and enjoy the camaraderie. But we were bushed and still had to get to the Inn, so we left early. Having a room right there at Big Lynn would have been a huge plus.

On Saturday, we took some fun, curvy roads down to Lake Lure and met up with our good friend, Bill, at [La Strada](#), a nice Italian restaurant. It sat up on a hill overlooking the south end of the lake with a good view of downtown and nearby Chimney Rock. Lake Lure, the town, is about 48 road miles south of Little Switzerland and 35 road miles southeast of Asheville. Bill and Nicole, who recently relocated out of Florida, had been away celebrating his 50th just days earlier. We were glad he found time to ride up from South Carolina to join us.



Looking up at the La Strada patio from the street; and a view of the south end of the lake looking down from the patio (from their website)

After enjoying a delicious lunch, catching up and then bidding Bill farewell, Ken and I headed back to the BRP near Asheville and retraced our path from the day before, except this time omitting Mount Mitchell. The ride back was a 74-mile, 2-hour bit of bliss. Again, dark clouds threatened and temperatures dropped. The rain liner did its thing and we enjoyed an invigorating ride back to the Inn. I secured my KTM on the trailer before cleaning up. Then we drove over to Big Lynn, arriving just in time for the final dinner of the event and closing ceremonies.



Aerial view of Chimney Rock

Photo: [Chimney Rock State Park](#)

After dinner, Dave “Brick” Brickner, the event organizer, gave a recap. There were 56 attendees, he said, fewer than normal. Several cancelled at the last minute (presumably due to the ungodly heat wave - tb). He noted how many attended from which state (NC had the most) but failed to mention that there was one rider from Florida (me – I made it 57). Norm Kern and Syd Mayes pitched their rallies — [Fly-By Week](#) at Marietta, Ohio in August and the [Fall Colors Ride](#) at Lewisburg, West Virginia in September, respectively.

Then the drawings started. 50/50 tickets to raise money for Ride for Kids were sold during the event. Ride for Kids is a motorcyclist charity supporting the [Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation](#). The Foundation is the leading nonprofit that funds research into childhood brain tumors. I forget the exact amount but was pleased to hear several hundred dollars will be going to that very worthy cause.

Everyone who registered got a door prize ticket. Several \$50 gift cards were given out and one for \$100. They drew my ticket for \$100 off suspension work at [Traxxion Dynamics](#) over near Atlanta. I really didn’t need the service for my relatively new machines and declined so the nice prize could go to someone who did. There were quite a few other prizes distributed as well.

For the last “drawing”, a large envelope went to a certain lady sitting one table over. In the envelope? A marriage proposal! Well, that took some *cojones grande!!!* But there was a happy outcome. Apparently, she accepted because outside afterward, the glowing couple was handing out cups of champagne for which I wished them a lifetime of happiness together

A group photo (which Ken and I just missed by about a second) ended the official proceedings. Then after a little more gabbing, we returned to the Inn to finish packing and get some shuteye.

I should also mention that Brick had arranged for Anne LaFrance, a licensed massage therapist from nearby Morganton, to avail her services at the Lodge. I found out too late that she’s capable of therapies that go way beyond basic muscle relaxation. Really wished I had known earlier. Anne will also be at the Fly-By event in Ohio for part of the week.

Sunday I was on the road before 7. NC 226 took me down out of the mountain to US 221 which was a nice drive to I-26 near Spartanburg, South Carolina. To just get it over with, I-26 took me to I-95 and home. Pulled into my driveway a little after 5. A long hot shower, food, a big Jameson on the rocks and some relaxing music brought this long, stressful day on the super slabs to a mellow close. In bed, a mental impression of the event brought a smile to my face as I slipped effortlessly into never-neverland.



The official group pic. Our happy lovebirds are to the far right holding the proposal. Event organizer, Brickner, is in the burgundy Tee stooping on the left. Doug Pippen (maps) is in the red polo the next row back. Norm Kern, our new VP and organizer of Fly-Bye Week is in the white Tee next to Doug. Syd Mayes, organizer of the Fall Colors Ride has an orange Tee next to our love birds. And Andray Hubble, coordinator for the NGC is in a white Tee next to Syd. Three of the wait staff in blue are on the left behind Brick. (Photo sent by Brick Brickner)

Many thanks to Dave Brickner for a job well done. Long live the Big Lynn Lodge Event!

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.

"WARNING: OBJECTS IN MIRROR ARE CLOSER THAN THEY APPEAR"

[Ed: This article previously appeared in the October 2011 edition of The Florida MSTA Grapevine.]

It is a pretty simple concept. Take a convex mirror and place it in a location where the reflective surface's characteristics will enhance a vehicle's safety. Unfortunately, whoever thought up the idea obviously wasn't considering the potential impact (pun intended) on motorcyclists.

Almost all of today's passenger cars carry a convex mirror on the outside of the passenger's door. The intent is to provide a greater field of view for the driver to the rear and side of the vehicle. However, the mirror distortion also causes any objects reflected in the mirror surface to appear farther away than the reality of the situation.

Let's face it. Car drivers can't see you and your bike even when they are looking directly at you. Now take your reflection, shrink it onto a tiny mirror surface, and let's add the fact that the depth of field is all out of whack. Is it any wonder that the idiot who changed lanes right into your path never saw you?

The next time you're on the road, with a car in front and to your left, think about what that driver sees in their passenger side mirror (if they are looking at all!). Even if they do see you, they most likely have no understanding that you are closer to their rolling death trap than you appear. Do yourself a favor and stay back from that vehicle, or pass it quickly and safely. Don't get caught being one of those "Objects" that are "Closer Than They Appear"...



Photo: MentalFloss.com

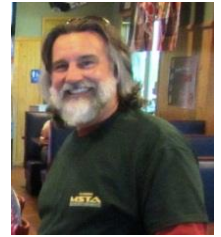
See our [Mystery Hyperlink](#) for further information on this topic.

Florida News

South Director's Report

Ah, the rainy season...

I haven't heard any dire reports about our drought conditions recently. Seems the cries are more about local flooding. Maybe a longer perspective would calm the "chicken littles" amongst the news stations!



Van VanSteelant

Despite the rapid replenishing of our aquifers, we enjoyed two brunch rides in August! Tom's report is below. Not only did everybody have a chair waiting, the food was so good that a return visit may be called for next year!

Indeed, the South Brunch Ride was a return ride to [Shucker's on the Beach](#). Jensen Beach... We took advantage of their Sunday-only buffet. 13 mostly eastsiders rolled in for multiple trips through the buffet line and a stop or two for the custom egg station. The service was terrific and the view of "Lake Atlantic" was just outside the door.

First timers, EJ and Dan rode in with Ellen, Mike, Joe, Anthony and Mayra, with James at the lead. Yours truly was enough under the weather to forgo the bike, but "tail gunned" in the



Versa. James did an excellent job avoiding red lights and finding the correct turnoffs to keep the group on the scenic route!! Chip, Don M., Buck and Don W. were already parked when our group pulled in. Another first was marked that Sunday as well. Buck won the 50/50 raffle!! He took home \$32.00.

Our 50/50 raffle was once again well supported. I want to thank all of you who continue to contribute to our fund. I'll have special news concerning our 50/50 raffle and the good deeds we have accomplished with our significant sum. I thank all of you who fully supported the donation destinations that Tom and I proposed. (*I will send out the new total in a separate email after sending the other two donations to the organizations helping our Vets with PTSD.*)

What's Next??

We are attempting to avoid the second-coming of the Luv Bugs in September. So, we have delayed the rides until the last weeks of the month. The **South Brunch Ride** happens **first**, on Saturday, Sept. 21st. We will gather at the **Main Street America An Eatery**, on 22 S Main Ave, in Lake Placid! With terrific area roads, good food and great service, we just have to return here for another year!

The next weekend, join the Central riders for the *last brunch ride of the season!* Tom will be looking for you at the **Grills Riverside**, at 6075 N Hwy 1, in Melbourne. This place is large, with indoor/outdoor seating, all with a view; amazing breakfasts and lots of parking. I've put it on my calendar already!

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 Florida members for recently renewing their memberships:

Ellen Kocher

Ed Palmer

Tulio Suarez Thillet

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.

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!

I came across this in a past issue of Motorcyclist Magazine (rip). From Seth Richards.

“My motorcycle is a conveyance of continuity, a mobilizer of what Proust termed ‘involuntary memory’. (“The past is hidden somewhere outside the realm, beyond the reach of intellect, in some material object [in the sensa-

tion that material object will give us] which we do not suspect. And as for that object, it depends on chance whether we come upon it or not before we die.” M. Proust, Swann’s Way)

“The motorcycle, as object and force, dictates our mental postures just as it conforms our bodies to its shape. The world passing around the moving cycle grants us recollections previously obscured beneath the veil of consciousness. To ride is to be a witness. The motorcyclist captures a multitude of small moments to be filed and stored in those hidden places, beyond the realm.”

Thank you all for your continued support of our Chapter!!

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

ATGATT Van

MSTA Florida State Co-Director

Central Director’s Report – August 2019

Our August brunch was at the [Koffee Kup](#) in St. Cloud. I was hoping to attract some gulf coasters (and a few Southies) but didn’t. It did attract Carl, Alan and Hal from North Orlando, Dale and his lovely wife, Cindy, from The Villages, Eckart and me from Malabar and Valkaria, Win from Vero Beach and Brian from Bartow. Win was trying out a new knee. Brian showed up at our rendezvous in West Melbourne and rode over with Eckart, Win and me. Way to go, Win and Brian.



Tom Blake

My group took advantage of Hickory Tree Road on the way. It’s a country 2-laner with a number of nearly 45 and 90-degree curves that can be taken at speed. The 55-mph speed limit seems initially pretty fast at corner entry. But having been through them many times, I was less anxious after the first one and really into it after the second. You could see approaching traffic and bicyclists, if any, through the curves – even at a distance. Hickory Tree was definitely the highlight of the ride.



Clockwise from top - Brian, Dale, Cindy, Hal, Carl on camera, Alan, Tom, Eckert and Win

Carl, Hal and Alan were waiting for us when we got to the Koffee Kup at nine o’clock – as I’ve come to expect. Dale and Cindy arrived about quarter after by car (ask Dale about that next time you see him). Everyone was hungry so we headed inside. There was a big crowd just inside the door and it took a couple minutes to get up to the greeter. Fortunately, they had tables all set up for us and we were led right to them.

I was told they don’t take reservations when I called the Saturday before. And when I called to confirm we were coming the day before, they said tables would be ready for us. Okay! But honestly, I was unsure what to expect when we arrived. Everything worked out nicely, though. I thanked them sincerely when we got up to leave and

was told “we hope you’ll come back.” We may just do that.

Everyone ordered something different and I heard no complaints. The meal of the day, however, went to Eckart who ordered *banana split pancakes*. There were two pancakes the size of the plate with slices of banana and strawberry on top. A huge scoop or two of vanilla ice occupied the middle with a big glob of whipped cream on top. Then chocolate syrup was drizzled over everything. Yum! Everybody was oohing and aahing. Several took pictures. Then, Eckart sat right there and ate the whole dang thing — said it was delicious!



Don't forget, the Central **September brunch** will be **on the 28th** this year. Remember our spring love bug invasion. The hope is to avoid the lusty lovers this fall. Should be a little cooler, too. It will be at Grills Riverside along US-1 just north of Melbourne. We've been there before. It's a great location with lots of scenery right on the bank of the Indian River. Their breakfasts are pretty good. It's a large restaurant with plenty of seats. So please, everyone, put it on your calendar and come join us.

Safe Journeys,

Tom Blake

MSTA Florida State Co-Director

Central Florida September Brunch Ride

Sat., **September 28th**, 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

[Grills Riverside](#), ([map](#))

6075 N. Hwy 1,
Melbourne, FL

Ride Suggestions

This month we welcome a new section to the Florida MSTAs Gator Tale Newsletter featuring contributions by Florida MSTAs member Stephen Evans. Others are welcome to submit their ride suggestions too.

Good day to all of you MSTAs members. This article/section will be new to the MSTAs Florida Gator Tale Newsletter. It will be like the "Bikes for Sale" section as some months there may be information to pass on and some months there may not be. This was an idea I floated to Van, Tom Blake and Don Moe. With their suggestions and recommendations, I will attempt to pass on some information on roads that I just traveled and hopefully you will get some knowledge and maybe take an idea from it.

The purpose of this new section is for ANYONE, who has taken a trip and found some great "motorcycle roads," to pass that information on, as a kind of road report, to all of our fellow members. Perhaps, when you take a trip, you may decide to incorporate some of these or other roads in your direction of travel. The roads in this article are from a 12-day trip I took which included STAR just this past June. Any road in this article that is **highlighted** in bold black print is, to me, a "motorcycle road."

What is my description of a motorcycle road? To me it's curvy, scenic, with some elevation changes and is fun to ride. That may be how you feel also. I really don't know how else to give a description of one. The number one item for me is curves, the more the better. You can do your own research and find them on Google Earth to zoom in. Who knows, you may be saying to yourself, "I need to go there."

I am currently in the planning stages for a trip this September up to and around New England and Nova Scotia. If you have been there, I would certainly appreciate your input about the motorcycle roads you discovered, rode on and liked. I believe many of our members would also be interested. So if you'd like to, please submit that report or any report to Don Moe (editor@flmsta.org) to pass along your information to all of our members. So with the above background information, please allow me to get started.

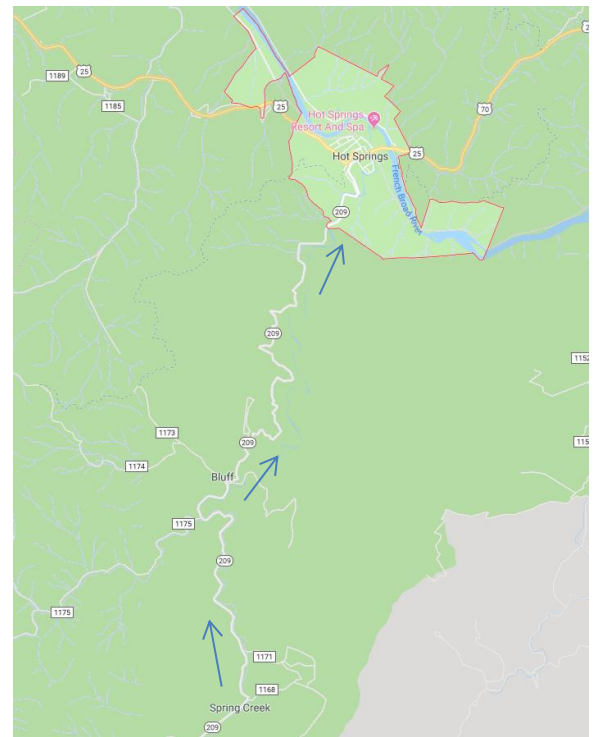
First off, let's talk about North Georgia. As we all know, they have some great roads so I won't go into any specific roads I was on but I will say that Hwy 60 to Suches (Two Wheels) and on to Morganton has new pavement. They were in the process of laying down new pavement on US 19/US 129 going north up and over Blood Mountain while I was there, which is great news for anyone on two wheels.

I spent my first night in Maggie Valley, North Carolina after taking the BRP over from near Cherokee. The next day I was on some wonderful roads. Leaving Maggie Valley to Lake Junaluska on US 19, I headed north on **Hwy 209** up to Hot Springs, where I went east (R) on US 25 to **Hwy 208** (L) and then **Hwy 212** (R).

While on Hwy 212 you will want to stop at the junction of Hwy 212 and Hoot Owl Hollow Road to get a cup of coffee at the [Old Creek General Store](#). If you blink you'll go right past it as I did. But I turned around and had some really nice conversations with all the old local men sitting on the front porch. I thought it was well worth the stop.

As Hwy 212 continues on, it becomes Hwy 352 then US 19W and then US 23 at Kingsport. Further on, it's joined by US 58 & US 412 (both excellent roads in their own right), but you will want to stay on US 23 up to Big Stone Gap/East Stone Gap to catch US 23 BUS over to Appalachia and Hwy 68 to **Hwy 160** (aka Black Snake Run @ appalachianbackroads.com), which takes you from Virginia over into Cumberland Kentucky where you can catch US 119 up to Whitesburg Kentucky. If you don't feel excitement or you don't have fun on **Hwy 160 & US 119** from Appalachia to Whitesburg, then you're probably dead ☹.

Since I would spend the night in Campton Kentucky, from Whitesburg I took Hwy 15 up through Isom - Hazard - Jackson to Campton. Hwy 15... [More to come...]



Hwy 209 into Hot Springs

[Google Maps](#)

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 Brunch Ride

When: Sat., **September 21st**, 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: **LAST BRUNCH RIDE OF THE SEASON!!**

Even if this place wasn't smack dab in the middle of the "funnest" roads around, we would still head here again! Great service, good food and they always treat us well!

Reminder--cash \$\$\$ only here

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

MSTA Florida Central Brunch Ride

When: Sat., **September 28th**, 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Where: [Grills Riverside](#), 6075 N. Hwy 1, Melbourne, FL 32940 ☎321-242-8999 ([map](#))

Description: We had a decent turnout here last year. On the shore of the scenic Indian River Lagoon, this sizable and beautiful place serves up good breakfasts to go along with picturesque water views from inside and out. And there's plenty of paved parking.

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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., **October 12th**, 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Where: [Swamp House Riverfront Grill](#), 488 W Highbanks Rd, DeBary, FL 32713 ☎386-668-8891 ([map](#))

Description: We were here last December and were very impressed. Of all the places we've been to along the St John's River, hands down, this is the best. Really good food. Excellent service. Plenty of room. Clean and airy with scenic views of the beautiful St Johns River. Paved parking. There are no downsides.

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

MSTA Florida South Lunch Ride

When: Sun., **October 19th**, 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Where: [Crazy Fish Bar And Grill](#), 802 Henry St, Lake Wales, FL 33853 ☎863-676-6361 ([map](#))

Description: Another new-to-us destination, though highly recommended!! I know they are in Lake Wales, but all of their fish is fresh off the boat, through licensed providers. Funky ambiance and a great menu. How can we miss...

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

Regional Events

MSTA Fall Colors Ride (Just for Fun)

When: Thurs.-Sun., **September 26-29, 2019**

Where: Quality Inn, Lewisburg, West Virginia ([map](#))

Description: Meet with fellow MSTA members and friends. Ride the great roads of West Virginia.

Contact: Syd Mayes, Home ☎804-265-8636 – Cell ☎804-721-3399

✉ touringman5@gmail.com

Information: Important details are on the event webpage: www.msta-se.com/fcr/

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 Hyperlink is related to the safety article.

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