

## *Annual Florida District Rally*

The results are in for the 27 th. Florida District Rally and judging from the smiles it was a great success. The Rider Ed table was as busy as ever and I want to thank all those who helped us out throughout the rally. Your assistance was very much appreciated.

Everyone wants to know who won the new motorcycle. The lucky winner was one of our own, Dennis McMeans (who rides with FL-2-E) from Homestead, Florida will be cruising around on his brand new Gold Wing. Details were not complete at the time of this article, but I understand he has already added a C.B Radio and some other accessories. Congratulations Dennis.

Second place, and a \$1,000 winner was Ronald Walton from Zephyrhills, with third place and \$500 going to Joe Hudd from Tampa, Florida. Unfortunately, none of the winners were present when their tickets were drawn.

Attendance for the seminars was outstanding. We had 25 people in the Co-Rider Seminar, and the Accident Scene Management Seminar brought in a whopping 29 members. Even the newest seminar, for the Mature Rider, drew 25 students. I want to thank Walt Overlander, Ron Jackson, and Doug Gray for taking the time and effort to run these seminars. Another "Thank You" to Mike Duquette and Morris Dalton for training 12 more members on the Road Captains Course.

Other interesting facts and tidbits: Terry Dunn and Heidi London managed to train 40 people in the First Aid class, ran an additional 27 through the CPR course and recertified 31 more for both FA/CPR. Busy weekend.

Curtis Palmore and his crew from MREC ran the "Field Events" or games again this year. Despite the low turnout, everyone seemed to be having a good time. The games are not a test of riding skills but just a good time riding the bike. I hope we can see more participation in the field events next year.

This year saw the introduction of the annual "Chapter Educator of the Year Award." This award was named after Charles H. Logan, an excellent Educator and really great guy who passed away suddenly last year. The award also

carried with it \$100 for the Educator and an additional \$100 for his chapter. This year the award was won by Ron Jackson FL1-M. We hope to continue this tradition in the following years.

Another first was the introduction of a little "Espanol" for our Latino members. I really tried to make them feel welcome, and I do apologize for any butchering of their native language. It was a sincere effort to thank everyone who helped make the raffle a success.

Speaking of which...once again we completely sold out all the tickets. Wesley Chapel, FL-1-L2, finished first with 5,610 and a \$300 bonus. Miami, FL-2-E, came in second with 5,000 tickets and picked up a \$200 check for their treasury, while Milton, FL-1-Q, up in the Panhandle picked up a \$100 bonus for their efforts in selling 3,190 tickets. In all, nine chapters managed to sell 1,000 or more tickets. These nine chapters accounted for over 22,000 total ticket sales...two thirds of all the tickets sold! A big Thank You to all the chapters who sold tickets that made our raffle a success.

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