

## **TIME FOR SHORTS AND SANDALS-----JUST DON'T RIDE IN THEM**

One of the major goals of your District Educators is to see to it that all chapters in Florida have an ERC and a TRC range within a reasonable riding distance from their home base. As of now there are ERC ranges throughout the state that meet that requirement. They are located in Miami, St. Petersburg, Eustis, Palm Coast, Jacksonville, and Pensacola. We are presently in negotiation with Jason Levy of the Gainesville Motorcycle Safety Training School for the use of an ERC range in Hawthorne, Florida at Hawthorne High School. We are also open to any suggestions you may have concerning any new ranges you might find that are available and that meet the criteria of the state and G.W.R.R.A.

During the weekend of April 28-29,2007, I was in Miami where I accepted the hospitality of my good friend and Miami Chapter Educator, Rodney, Cullen. On Saturday the 28<sup>th</sup> we held an ERC at the S.E. Florida Motorcycle Safety School run by Mr. Jack Benvenista. It was an extremely hot day, but with the expert instruction of MSF instructors Ray Vega and Ray LiJoie, everything went off without a hitch. On Sunday, the 29<sup>th</sup>, Rodney Cullen, Ray Vega and I painted that same range for TRC classes. We now have TRC ranges in Miami, Eustis, St. Petersburg, and Pensacola. As you can see, we need a few more, especially in the northeast part of the state. All I can tell you is that we are working on it, as it is one of our top priorities. The next weekend Naples brought over some members for an ERC of their own.

Once again, we would like to thank all the CEs for getting their reports in. Every report is one more reminder that Florida works very hard, year after year, to maintain its #1 status in the eyes of all concerned, including National.

During this past month, Danny and Rebecca Donaldson, CDs of FL1-E2, Ft. Walton Beach added ten road captains, 18 Level 1's, 18 Level 2's and 10 Level 3's to their chapter. Congratulations folks. It's always great to see CD's and CE's work to keep our program going. We are very proud of you, Danny and Rebecca. Also, Gene and Eileen Heaney of Ch FL1-H, Daytona, report that they now have 116 members enrolled in the Rider Ed Program.. Gene says,"If all else fails. Intimidation usually works." Just kidding.

The hot weather is upon us, and it is wise to be prepared for it, especially on those long daytime rides. Those of you planning on riding to Montana for Wing Ding would do well to remember last year's ride to Nashville during those early days of July. Gracie and I rode with some friends from Ch FL1-A and 100 degree weather, Hydration was the key to survival then and may be again on the ride to Billings. One of the smartest investments we made was to install the oversized Butler cups filled with ice water. Remember, whatever your favorite non-alcoholic beverage may be: drink drink, and drink more. We'd avoid too much sugar, as eventually it just makes you feel slightly nauseous. And please, please, dress for the fall and not the weather.

Enjoy yourself and ride safe,  
Joe and Gracie  
District Educators