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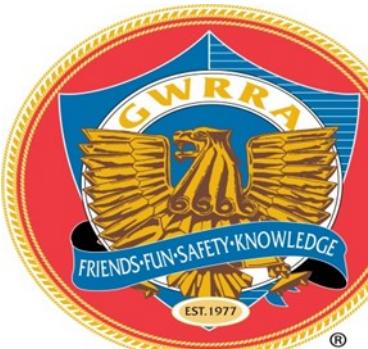
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## ***Chapter FL2-B2 NEWSLETTER***



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**UPCOMING MONTHLY**

**CLUB MOTO: Safety First, Fun Always**

**GATHERINGS**

**3rd Thursday**

**Perkins Restaurant**

**5921 Fruitville Road Sarasota, FL 34232**

**Starts at Eat @ 6:00 Meet @ 7:00 PM Monthly**

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Mark Barnes, 57, a Knoxville, TN clinical psychologist, motorcyclist

and author of the book, Why We Ride, has said that older riders have slower reaction times, among other worries.

"They're going to be more vulnerable to things that affect all motorcyclists, like getting overheated, dehydration, and blood sugar fluctuations," said Barnes, who writes the column, Cycle Analysis, for Motorcycle Consumer News magazine. And finally, he adds, "They're also going to be less resilient to injuries." Be that as it may, a large number of over-50 motorcycle riders, myself included, continue to mount up on our iron maidens at every opportunity to experience the thrill of a life-time, distracted driving and other over-50 maladies be damned!!!

I hope my series of YIKES! articles have made an impact on all my readers, especially those in the over50 category. As you can see, we are at risk each and every time we leave our garages on our beloved two- and three-wheeled beauties. That being said, I also hope that none of you opts out of riding simply because of the statistics I have provided. Knowledge is power, as the old saying goes, and with the knowledge provided in these articles, may everyone out there Share the Road with all the aforementioned four-wheelers - Safely!

As I was visiting a chapter gathering recently I heard the former Chapter Educator, Jeff Duffey, speak about how slick and dangerous those white painted lines at corners, turn lanes, etc. can be. This brings up a very good point I think we all should be aware of. Often, during our early morning rides the dew just hasn't dried up quite yet. Keep in mind, then, when you pull up to that stop where that wide, thick, white painted line is going across the road, it may very well be slippery and you could lose your footing and take a spill. Keep in mind as well, those white arrows may also have oil drippings, etc on them that will cause them to be very slippery and while you are in a turn could cause you to slide and/or spill. Just food for thought.

Another thing I personally have seen here in Florida has been, (and I think there should be a law against it, my opinion), are lawn care companies blowing their cuttings into the streets, especially on back country roads. The clippings will definitely come up into even a full face helmet on a trike. (Again, personal experience) Something to be careful of on a year round basis here in Florida. On these back roads that we all love to ride we may find this Florida dirt that is called SAND and it gets all over some of these back roads. Something to be careful of because in a curve and especially a corner or turn, it can be extremely slippery, regardless of 2, 3 or even 4 wheels. More food for thought and I hope you're hungry for safety!

Rick & Pam Northrop

Sr. District Educators

## **From the Lead Sharks**

**Bill & Barb Baner**

Hello to March. Time has flown by fast and the Snow Birds will soon be gone, but I hope Our Snow Bird Friends stay here to the last minute. There is still time to get in some GREAT RIDES before the weather turns hot, hot, hot. Remember you have to PARTICPATE to have FUN

The Florida District Rally is coming up on the 22nd of March and hope you will be there. We have volunteered FL2-B2 to help out with the Indoor Games from 11am to 2:00pm on Friday. We need to have 6 people and so far we only have 3. Please let me know if you will be willing to represent our Chapter and volunteer at the Rally.

Bo will be asking you at this Month's Meeting to fill in the upcoming Chapter Ride Calendar, so be ready to share your favorite Ride with everyone. Remember, you don't have to lead the Ride to suggest one.

Please be sure to send Will Anderson any pictures of your motorcycle, rides you have gone on or just places you have visited. His email address is sunnytrike@verizon.net

Ride Safe,

**Bill & Barb Baner**

Chapter FL2-B2 Directors



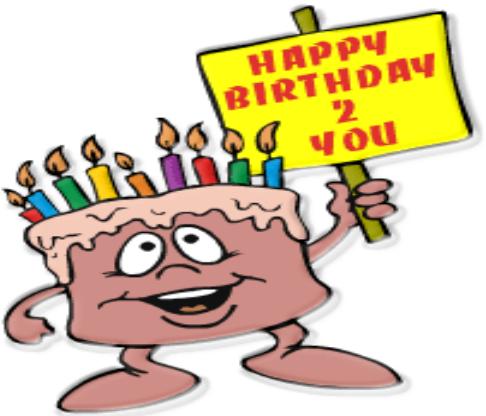
## **YIKES!!!**

This article will be my fourth of the YIKES! variety in that it continues to provide some startling statistics that you may not like, but which you must know in order to make the most of your motorcycling adventures. As promised in my February article, this month I will briefly touch on distracted driving and what impact such practices have on the motorcycling public. I will also touch on a few additional facts that 50 and over riders must keep in their back pockets to help assure an accident free riding experience.

Patrick Salvi Jr., a personal injury attorney in Chicago, IL, has said that smart phone usage has meant more distracted four-wheel-vehicle drivers and created a new source of peril for motorcyclists, who are already less visible in traffic. The National Safety Council, an Itasca, IL-based safety advocacy organization, has said that about eight percent of motorcycle fatalities in 2016 were related to a distracted operator, but of those only about 17 percent were the fault of the motorcyclist, as opposed to another driver. YIKES! In other words, about 83 percent of 2016 motorcycle fatalities were the fault of nonmotorcycle drivers. YIKES! Cont next page

**EVEN IRONMAN and BO WEARS A HELMET**





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Daytona Beach Bike Week, also called Daytona Bike Week, is a [motorcycle](#) event and [rally](#) held annually in [Daytona Beach, Florida](#). Approximately 500,000 people make their way to the rally area for the 10-day event. The festivities include motorcycle racing, concerts, parties, and street festivals. The event is usually held on the first full week of March and contends with the [Sturgis Motorcycle Rally](#) as the most popular motorcycle rally in the United States

