

Road Captain Report Example

January HOG Mental health ride.

The January 2020 mental health ride started out cool and a bit moist. By the mid ride stop, in Chattahoochee, we were dry again and several de-layered for the remainder of the trip. We had an above average turnout of 8 riders riding, 7 bikes a biking, and one riding in a cage. We had a pair riding with us for the first time, their memberships only a week new. We ventured into the wilds of northern Florida and southern Georgia in order to turn a 60'sh mile trek into a 90'sh mile challenging, but relaxing, country ride. We travel many new (to us) roads, including lake front roads, on both sides of lake Seminole. One road was so new, it didn't even have lines on it yet! All arrived safe and as sound as when our adventure began. We shared the dining room with a large contingent of "The ladies of the red hat society". They were there celebrating the birthday of one of their members. The 15 or so ladies Kazoo'd happy birthday to the 70 year young member of their gathering. Our table was filled with laughter during the serenade and applause after their performance. The birthday girl stopped by our table to express her thanks for our "participation" in her birthday song. Mr. Lindquist took it upon himself to lead our group in demonstrating how the HOG group wishes its members a happy birthday. The dining room was once again filled with laughter at the end of the HOG birthday cheer.

The destination was the Gazebo Coffee Shoppe & Deli, located across from the courthouse in Marianna Fl. There was plenty of room for our group. The staff where courteous, attentive, and service was quick. The food was exceptional, modestly priced, and no one left hungry. Everyone enjoyed their time together and the conversation was lively.

The only mark against this venue is for parking. There is parallel parking on Hwy 90 in front of the restaurant, but that is usually full and somewhat dangerous for motorcycle parking in my opinion. The parking behind the building is usually full after 11:00 local time. This caused us to have to park in a vacant lot about a block down from the restaurant. No big deal, but the lot is 1/3 mud, a 20' concrete slab, and the rest mixed hard clay/grass. Not great, but we made it work.

Would definitely take a group there again.

9 riders, 7 Bikes, 1 car.