

THE SAFETY CORNER

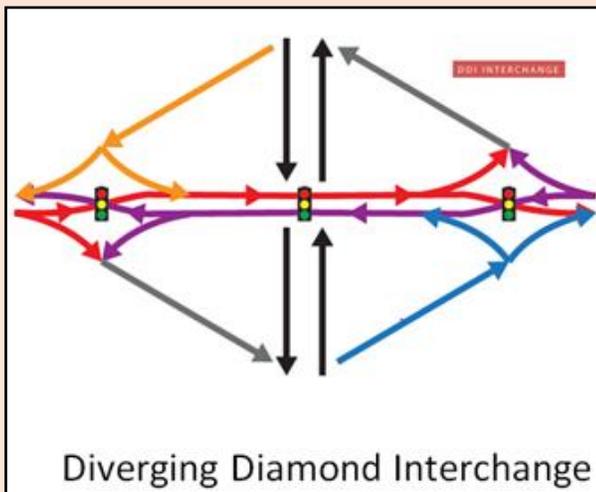
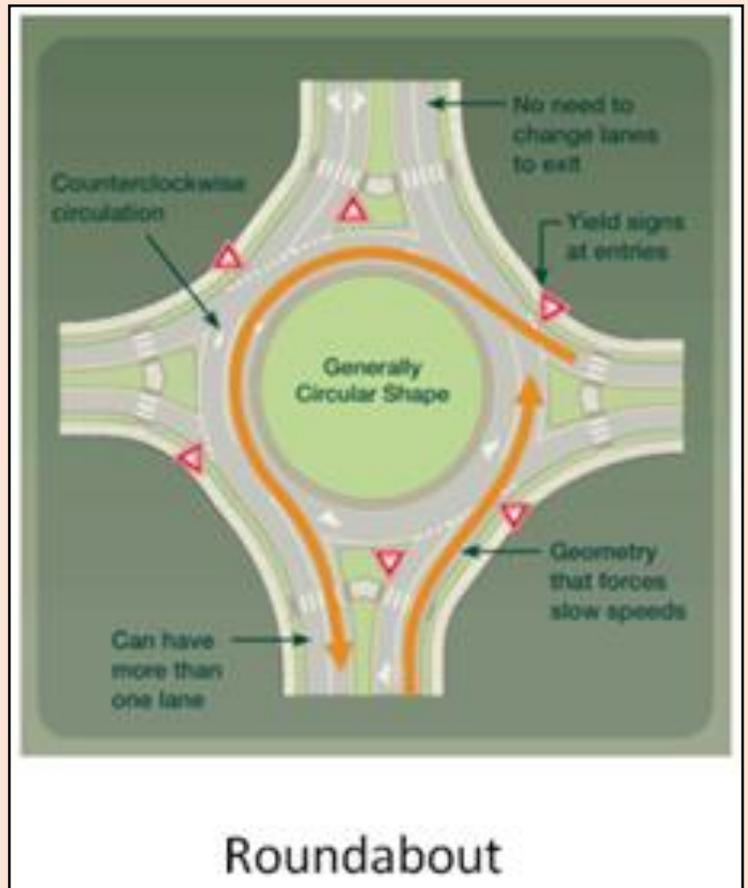
Tom and Karen Brunelle



So, you are traveling on Bannerman Road and encounter a roundabout. How do I get through this? Around we go and around we go again. Yep, this month we're talking about intersections...again. There's just so much to talk about!

Seriously, with roundabouts, we eliminate the conflict points, but they do take some getting used to. Watch the pavement markings to help you navigate safely. See the Roundabout graphic that

shows you the path of travel. This layout is like the one on Bannerman Road. The outside lane is the one you use to turn right at the first or second leg. Use the inside lane as the "through lane" and it will take you all the way to the 3rd leg. Still confused? Come to the meeting and we'll walk you through it!!



We also talked about Diverging Diamond Interchanges (DDIs) last month. We did a bit of research and unless you travel for a bit, we don't have any near us. The map shows the locations in Florida. Clicking on the link gives you the exact intersections and what stage of construction the location is at. (i.e. Early Planning - I-10 @ SR 85 Okaloosa County)

For this month's *Read Your Road Challenge Questions*...looks like we got stuck at the red light (did we place our bike where the detector would pick us up?) and have to wait out another cycle...so, we look at signals, again:

- 1) True or False? Making a left turn is safer than a right turn.
- 2) How many conflict points are in a traditional intersection? (Hint: look up last month's article J)
 - a) 4
 - b) 20
 - c) 32
 - d) 40
- 3) What is the difference between a green ball and a green arrow on a traffic signal?
 - a) A green ball means it is safe to go at any time; a green arrow means I better get on the gas.
 - b) A green ball is a permissive movement (i.e. go when it is safe to do so); a green arrow is a protected movement (i.e. go when it is safe to do so).
 - c) Nothing, both let you know that the Green Lantern is nearby.

(Answers are later in the newsletter!)

Let's not meet by accident...pay extra attention at intersections. Remember, highway safety depends on you! Whether you are a driver, passenger, or pedestrian, be observant and be adaptable to be safe!

TOM and KAREN



Read Your Road Challenge Question Answers:

- 1) False! Left turns are more dangerous than right turns...you have to cross traffic coming from all 3 directions with a left turn. On a right turn, you just have to worry about 1 direction (did anyone start singing?)
- 2) c. 32 conflict points! 12 of them involve left turns. To increase safety, reduce the opportunity to turn left. Roundabouts only have 8 total conflict points. They are much safer, even if you are going in circles!
- 3) b. A green ball means that it is ok to go, when it is safe to do so. The oncoming traffic does not stop which is why it is called "permissive". So, find a gap and hit the throttle. A green arrow also means that it is ok to go, when it is safe to do so. However, the oncoming traffic is stopped, hence the name "protected". BUT, always pause a breath to be sure no one is coming before proceeding forth.

RIDE REPORT: DAYTONA INTERNATIONAL SPEEDWAY

R/C: Charlie Buck
Gunner: Paul Palmietto

We had five bikes and five members including Paul and I.
Our destination was the Daytona International Speedway.

We left Tallahassee Harley at 7:30 am and took the interstate the whole way. I-10 to I-295 to I-95. We made two quick fuel stops. The first was Busy Bee just north of alive Oak. The second was at a Racetrack west of St Augustine. We got to the Speedway at 11:30 without a issue. After getting our HOG Bike Week pins at the Harley Davidson tent we went across the street for lunch. We ate at a Mexican Restaurant called Cantina Louie's. The food was excellent and the prices were way better than at the venue. I would definitely go back there. We couldn't not have expedited a better day. The traffic was light and the weather was beautiful.



CHARLIE