

Volusia Spyder Ryder's News Bulletin
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Greetings to All of You

PAST: It was one super hot summer this year. It was so hot for me that I went for several continuous weeks leaving the Spyder in the garage. I found myself hating to go outdoors even for the mail and news paper. The few "meet ups" that were scheduled had either been canceled or no one showed up for the breakfast. So we had a poor showing for riding as a group. I'll take the blame for that one.

PRESENT: We are down one of our senior riders, Joe Ackerman, passed on during August. Thanks for the note alerting me to that awful news Paul.

It is still sweltering hot out for pleasant riding but the Weather Channel has promised that cooler weather is just around the bend. How far around the bend remains in limbo ?

Future Ideas: I have several ideas (present and future)that I would like your opinions on. First one is the "meetup.com" web site. I think it is working although not to well. Seems that we have a technical issue in using it. Some of us are net savvy and some of use are net dummies. I am both of them! Meetup.com is not a free service it costs me about \$130 a year for membership. I don't foresee any thing for free popping up in the near future either. We have a "Face Book (FB) book page at our disposal now called "Volusia Spyder Ryder's. I made it off of my FB home page. The "North East Florida Spyder group is using their FB connection quite successfully as far as I can tell at this point The big question is would the membership use it?

Second idea is try to put a WORD PRESS BLOG into my web site wa4idi.org since I now have access to WP. The big question there is would the membership use it?

Third idea is change ride planners. Up till now I have been the main planner with some help from Joe and George. I have come to the conclusion that planning rides and destinations is not one of the things that I do well or even mediocre any more. I tried to make it simple but always seem to over plan a ride. So I am asking for someone to take that on so we can back to riding more. Joe and George did excellent on the lunch runs in the past and we can do them again in the cooler future if you all want. Please help me out folks!

I am in need of an e-mail address for the Bowen's, Lynn and Guerey.

- Ryde Safe in the mean time... Bob