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A Letter From Jeff

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Good Morning!

It has been just over a week since our first official GC RATS meeting. Taylor and I are pleasantly surprised at the turnout for the first meeting and the enthusiasm that everyone shared! Currently, we are **20** strong and I anticipate that number to increase with time.

We have explored a couple meeting locations for our next get together. Here's the two possibilities and we welcome your input:

1. Miller's Ale House
Gulf Coast Town Center
2. [North Naples Country Club](#)
10095 Tamiami Trail
North Naples, FL
34108

At the last RAT meeting, we talked about the Ale House as a meeting point. The North Naples Country Club (Don't worry, it's not a real Country Club) is an option that only just presented itself this past Saturday as I met the owner who had his Triumph Daytona 955i in for service here at the store. Take a moment to check out the store via the internet link above. You may recognize this restaurant. He was

more than excited at the possibility of hosting our monthly RAT meetings. The only potential problem I see with this meeting place is it's location. It is about 18 miles SOUTH of the dealership in Naples by Immokalee Road. But, it may make for a nice ride instead of most of us hopping across town on a 5 mile journey to someplace nearby. **Either way, please voice your opinions on meeting location to me or Taylor over the next couple days so we can settle on one place. OR, bring up another location for consideration.**

Taylor and I have tentatively set the next RAT meeting for **MAY 15th at 7:00pm.**

TOPICS FOR THE NEXT GC RATS MEETING:

1. Rides - It's time to setup a ride...after all, that's why were doing this, right? Aside from us all itchin' to get out and burn some fuel together, we need to setup up 3 separate rides for the year to submit to Triumph for approval. With this, we will become a chartered RAT club and be fully recognized by Tri-



First Meeting's Turnout

umph Motorcycles North America. Let's complete this task at this next meeting.

2. T-Shirts - Lets talk about getting some T-shirts made so we can represent! Peter Felice has provided a few cool GC Rats shields for consideration (one of which is attached to this newsletter) and I'm sure he'd be open for discussion on design tweaks. I'll bring copies of the 5 or so different designs he had.

3. Bank Account - We need to establish a bank account in the name of the club to handle our annual dues. There's never really much to need payment for. Currently, we have in the neighborhood of \$300. There are two items that need reimbursement at this time:

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Lovin' Them Bugs

Tech Tips from Pete Felice

Here we are once again, those darling little black bugs doing the dirty in mid-air, and on your bike. Now, the local news stations tell you to avoid driving at dawn or dusk for the best avoidance of our little friends. While it may be true that the love bugs are most active at those times of days, lets get real. I don't know about you, but I doubt the shop is going to change it's hours so I can avoid being peppered on my daily commute to work.



Acidic kamikazes

The sad fact is, no matter how hard you try, your bound to have some love bugs, along with other little flying critters splatter on the leading surfaces of your bike. What's worse, when bugs self destruct as they do on impact, something happens turning them into an acidic blob on your paint that over a short time will etch the paint. Weather a Bonnie or a Rocket III with all the bells and whistles, your bike is an investment, and more often then not, your pride and joy. Letting an insect with less of a life span than donuts in a police station destroy your bike isn't an option.

Here's how I deal with protecting, and cleaning those little acidic kamikazes' off my bike. It's best to get them off the paint at the first available moment. If you keep the painted surfaces well polished, and are cleaning as soon as you get off

the bike, the bugs will often come right off with spray polish and a little elbow grease. The real problem is when they sit on the bike for a day or so. I've found that Bike Bright does a very good job of removing dried on bugs with no great effort. A liberal spraying of the effected areas, a few minutes of waiting, then a strong hose stream will normally take off 90% of the bugs. Spray polish once the bike has dried, and it's good as new. Nothing is perfect, but since moving to FL, this has worked best for me, and it's safe on wind-screens too.

Yeah, I know, you don't need to clean the entire bike because it's

already lookin' good. My cure all for spot cleaning of bugs, tar, and adhesives that is safe for paint, plastic, and windscreens is something you may or may not have around the house. PB Blaster penetrating spray. Yup, blaster on a piece of toilet tissue will remove most bugs that were sitting on the bike. I use toilet tissue being it's soft, and won't scratch the paint. That is of course you don't buy the single play institutional type stuff, in which case you have more problems than bugs on your paint. No matter what you use, scraping with your finger nail will scratch paint, plastic headlamps, or windscreens. Rubbing too hard with any cloth or tissue can also cause a hazed area, so take your time. Once the bug is gone, clean the area with Windex, and hit the area with a little polish.

I generally don't have a problem with the bugs coming clean. I use Bike Bright on the entire bike to clean it. To protect the finish, I use spray polish regularly, and do all

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the painted bits with color back finish restorer twice a year. The better the finish of the paint, the easier removing those little lovers will be.

Cheers

Our Next Meeting - May 15th at 7pm

Mark your calendars. 7pm Thursday, May 15th either at Miller's Ale House located at the Gulf Coast Town Center off Alico Road and Ben Hill Griffin Parkway or the North Naples Country Club at 10095 Tami-ami Trail North. We figure that we can try out a few differ-



Getting together with friends is what it's about!

ent places for our meetings, so this will be our first away from the dealership. RSVP quickly with your vote as to which place you would like to visit first.

Not everybody will be able to make all the meetings due to

all of our vastly different schedules, but we'll do our best to accommodate as many as possible. Check upcoming newsletters and website for meeting minutes and event scheduling.

A Letter From Jeff

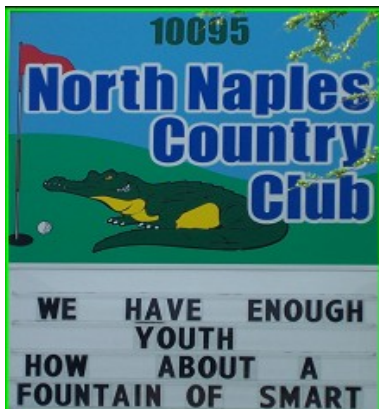
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1. Website Domain Name registration www.gcrats.com - reimbursement to Taylor

2. RAT invitation letter sent to you all from the dealership - reimbursement to Jeff

These two items total around a \$100.

4. **Dues** - GC Rats annual due payment percentage has been incredible, thank you everyone! We have almost everyone paid



North Naples Country Club

up! A couple of you paid with checks made payable to the dealership. These checks will be returned to you as the dealership is not affiliated with the club. Those of you who are involved in this will be emailed separately later today notifying you of this.

That's about it folks! That all I can think of at this time, more may follow! Have a great week and see you at the next meeting!!

P.S. - Please try and RSVP to me or Taylor

(ATM@GCRats.com) whether or not you are able to make it to the next meeting on **MAY 15th at 7:00pm!**

Cheers!

Jeff Gallo

Don't Get 'Caged'

The snow birds are back home and the tourists are waiting till school lets out. Perfect time for riding, right? Don't let the reduced traffic lull you into a false sense of security. After a scouting trip down to Ave Maria this last Saturday, I was making my way up 41 just past Gulf Coast Motorcycles when I saw two vehicles trying to turn north from the west side of the highway. They were sitting in the middle of 41 and there was light traf-

fic northbound. I was in the far left lane and watching to see what they would do. The car in front of me passed their location and they continued to wait.

"Okay," I thought, "they must see the Rocket's double brights burning down the road."

That's when the soccer mom in the mini-van pulled out. One hand on the brake, one on the horn, and quick deak to the middle lane kept me from punching a hole in the rear hatch.

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I always find it amazing when they don't even think about apologizing.

Looking for Volunteers

Such bad images pop up when that phrase it uttered, but that just isn't the case when it comes to our R.A.T. Pack. We're looking for people to help out with the Newsletter, keeping track of membership, and funds.



Volunteers are needed and appreciated!

We are already starting off with a great group of people. So, if you have experience or would like to get experience in writing and putting together a newsletter, keeping track of people and or funds, let us know and we'll get you

started. Contact either Jeff (JeffGallo@GCMotorcycles.com) or Taylor (ATM@GCRats.com)

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Gulf Coast R.A.T. Pack

We're on the Web!
www.GCRats.com

Gulf Coast Sale Sale Sale

Gulf Coast Motorcycles is having a sale!

- 20% off all in-house clothing and accessories.
- 10% off all ordered clothing and accessories.

Helmets, shirts (excluding the new Steve McQueen collectible,) jackets, sissy bars, and foot pegs, OH MY!



Cool Triumph Clothing

Stop in and see Chuck and Bo at the Parts Counter, then set up an appointment with Kevin to fit your accessories (don't ask him to measure your inseam, he didn't laugh the first time.)

Remember to order large on the shirts and take the upcoming rainy season into consideration.

Also, in case you find you have some extra room in your garage, Gulf Coast Motorcycles is having a Year End 2007 Model Closeout Sale.

With \$1,000 of Triumph Gear or 3.9% financing, they've got some nice bikes needing a good home.