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Special points of interest:

- Lake Placid Ride
- Meeting Hap's Rats at Alva Country Diner
- Everglades City Ride
- Harpoon Harry's Ride
- Vintage Bike Show
- Hap's 60th Anniversary
- March of Dimes Bikers for Babies

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Long Time, No See

Well, the newsletter has been on hiatus since the July issue, but we're back for October.

Looking back, we had a great ride up to Tim Allen's place at Lake Placid on July 20th. Tim's friends, the Slaughters, made us lunch, and were very gracious and welcoming hosts.

After eating the kids wanted to go for a ride, so we paired up and went down the road and back a few miles and brought back a few smiles. Many thanks go out to Tim, Robert & Mary-jane Slaughter,



Creative Parking needed for such a large turnout

and their kids; Andrew, Paige, and Kylee.

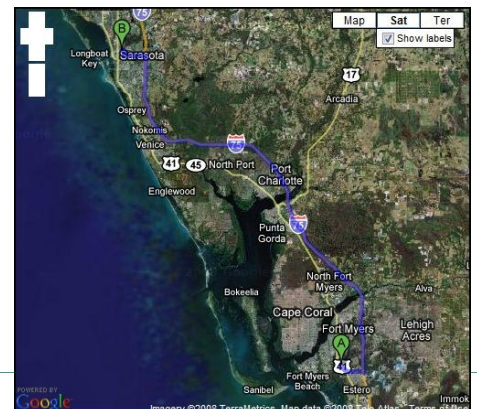
On July 27th, the Gulf Coast R.A.T.

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Hap's 60th Anniversary, our next event

Come join us for a ride on Saturday, Oct. 25th starting at Gulf Coast Motorcycles at 9:30am. We'll be heading up to Hap's Cycle Sales

in Sarasota to help celebrate their 60th Anniversary.



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Pack took a ride through Buckingham on up to the North River Road, and met up with Hap's R.A.T.S. at the Alva Country Diner.

The Triumph-loving hostess thought we were joking when we asked for seating for 20. It was probably the largest concentration of Triumphs she had ever seen. After a good lunch, the two packs parted ways, knowing that there are other likeminded individuals out there.

August 10th saw rain, and we're not talking about a little drizzle here. We left Gulf Coast Motorcycles and took the back roads down through Immokalee, and on down to Everglades City. We rode through some light rain spells and

stopped to put on some rain gear just before Immokalee. Good thing we did, because just south of there, we got hit by several very hard down-



A mixture of Hap's Rats and Gulf Coast Rats

pours. We got passed by a couple Harley riders who didn't have helmets or rain gear.

We later passed them and believe that they rethought their choice of attire.

We lunched and dried out at the Seafood Depot. Back in the parking lot, we were contemplating whether or not to don our rain gear when the choice was made for us. Riding north in the rain, we decided to jump on I-75 for the return trip.



Peeling out of rain-gear

A couple of miles down the road, we looked back to find we were missing a

rider. Doubling back we found Pete on the side of the interstate trying to figure out why his engine wasn't getting any gas. As it turned out, in the right conditions of rain, wind, and interstate speeds, a Bonneville tank bag can seal itself to the tank and cut off the tank vent. While this wasn't a true breakdown, this did earn Pete our second traveling award, the Golden Vice-Grips.

On September 7th, we rode up to Harpoon Harry's in Punta Gorda. We took a long twisty route through Fort Myers in an effort to avoid in-town 41. On the way, we picked up a token Harley rider, CJ. Once at Harpoon Harry's, we sat water-side, watched the boats and even a dolphin, and met up with some other interested R.A.T. Pack members.

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On September 13th, we changed our meeting place to the Islamorada Fish Company in Bass Pro Shops at Gulf Coast Town Center in South Fort Myers. Nic took over the

meeting and ran a tight ship. Had some good ideas come out of that



Grabbing lunch at Harpoon Harry's. No, we were not in trouble with the law, Kris stopped by while on duty.

meeting and it looks like a popular place to get together.

The 1st Annual

Vintage Bike Show was held at Gulf Coast Motorcycles on September 21st. Judging from the number of bikes and people that showed up from minimal advertising, this looks like it could be a very popular event. Jeff stayed busy running the show and even sold a bike or two.

March of Dimes Bikers for Babies

Sunday, November 2nd, starting at Gulf Coast Motorcycles at 8:00am,

Naples to be part of the March of Dime Bikers for Babies ride.

the Triumph logo across it. So if you needed a reason to get the new Steve McQueen shirt, now's the time.



GCRats.com and BikersForBabies-Florida.com

both have details on the event. You can pre-register online to save time.

As a group, we encourage all to



the Pack will head to

wear a shirt with

Remember to wear your Triumph shirt!

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Speaking of Anniversaries

While the Pack was at Lake Placid, Nic and Dee rode on down to Key West to celebrate their 9th Anniversary. Congratulations!



Our Next Meeting - November 8th

Saturday, November 8th at 7:00pm is the date of our next meeting at the [Islamorada Fish Company](#) located in the Bass Pro Shops at Gulf Coast Town Center off of Alico Road.

So far, the Islamorada Fish Company has been a decent place for us to meet. With huge portions and a quieter at-

mosphere, we haven't had any complaints. However, if anybody knows of another place

to visit, please let us know; variety is the spice of life.



Believe it or not, there is a restaurant in there!