

Suwannee River Tech Session  
October 1-3, 2010

The Flairheads started their season at Greg Langs' secluded hideout near Chiefland, Florida on the first weekend of October. Greg and his co-host Randy Summers outdid themselves this year. I know they didn't really plan the weather but it was perfect for sleeping in our tents at night and even the ever present Florida bugs took the weekend off. Food was available from Friday night through Sunday morning and Randy had transported enough equipment from his home in Gainesville to easily cover the planned work. What more could an Airhead ask for?

Well, apparently our Airmarshal Gator Balough had asked for more. Something about a Florida-Alabama game and not being able to watch it out in the hinterlands. Randy, took care of that issue and probably has earned the forever "Top Host" award by renting a satellite downlink, projector and converter to show the game on a stretched bed sheet screen. Gator got to watch the Tide annihilate the Gators which made our Flairheads.org Webmaster Eddie Roberts, an Alabama Alumni, pretty happy. Some win but others have to lose.

We had several "new" Airheads show up, each with their story on how it all happened. One rolled a pristine R75/5 off a trailer to brag, so we asked him to write up his impressions of the weekend. Dave (ABC #11244) lives in Frostproof so he has become Frosty Dave to differentiate with the many other Dave's we have in the Flairheads. Here is his story.....

"Hi, I'm Dave. I was born with a wicked motorcycle gene. I'm the new guy at Flairheads. It all started at a table at Riding Into History in May. I met Gator and Bob Messer and they assured me they could help satisfy my two wheel chromosome. They told me of this magical place (no not Disney) where guys work on old bikes, ride, eat, bullshit and maybe there's some brew involved. "Well sign me up". I told them about my longtime quest for a R75/5 toaster in green which I had finally secured a few years prior and how clueless I was in how she ticked.

After several phone calls back and forth it was finally time to attend my first Tech day, Oct 1-2 at Greg Lang's farm. Greg was a wonderful host and the weather could not have been better.

When I pulled in on Friday, I must have looked like a lost puppy but my new friend, Lewis Kimzey, took me under his wing. He introduced me around and told me how things worked.

I rolled my bike over to the barn and Bill Still started advising me as to what we needed to do. He was a constant shoulder for me though-out the weekend. Later Friday night Kevin Reimer took me to school. His knowledge, unselfishness and patience truly astounded me. The rest of Saturday, I spent in the barn soaking up all that I could. I gained a lot of confidence in beginning wrenching skills and my toaster cooks now. My lessons continued well into the night requiring frequent trips to the ice for fluid replacements. I met many friendly and generous Airheads over the weekend and I am anxiously looking forward to my next Tech day. Thanks again to everyone for this great experience. Dave Bowen"



Randy (our host), Kevin Reimer and Frosty Dave, the owner of the immaculate R75/5 (Frank Zimmanck photo)



Mike Martinez, waiting patiently for the Cedar Key Dinner Bunch (Frank Zimmanck photo)



Some of the motley crew that made it so much fun.....(Frank Zimmanck photo)

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