

# CRASH TEST DUMMY REPORT

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On Saturday, February 16, Gary Bates wanted to go on his first ride since his hospital stay.

So, I'm going to lead him on a nice, easy, stress free ride. I kissed Judy goodbye after we had stopped to eat at Hill Top

Country Store. Pat Faircloth had joined us and decided to head on home. Judy was off to Painting with Crafty Chicks of Tallahassee at the Harley Dealership with the Ladies of Harley.

After asking Gary how long he wanted to ride, he said about one hour. Thought of going east on U.S. 90 to 59 north to T.S. Green Rd N.E. to West Lake Rd. We took a leisurely ride through the country side. No brakes, just coasting into the curves. I'm not even wearing gloves but yes, the helmet was on.

The next thing I knew, the pucker factor went up by a hundred fold and one milli second later, I was sliding on the road. My beautiful Road Glide was on her side sliding away from me into the ditch then hitting a concrete culvert, standing up, rotating 45 degrees, landing on the left side.

I was in the road and before Gary could park his ride, I rushed to my bike, standing her up to see if she was ok. Gary made me stop to point out that my hand had a razzberry which he doctored with his and my new first aid kit!!

Good thing the Safety Officer had suggested we buy one... Gary asked if my leg was ok and I said sure, it's fine. Gary said are you sure, because your jeans are torn up? At that moment, I realized I had a razzberry on my calf but the back of my jeans had holes by my butt. My wallet and phone saved my ass, not one mark!

So, if I had to do it over again, I will wear gloves and maybe chaps. I had a jacket on.

So, can anybody loan me their bike?

I can definitely tell you if I had more safety gear on, I would not have gotten hurt except my pride. This all happened on a leisurely ride with a guy that was on his first ride after being released from the hospital!

Thank you Gary Bates for being there to make sure I was OK to face my wife!!

Lee

