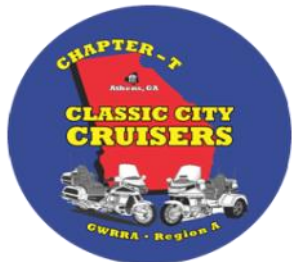


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- **ASSISTANT CHAPTER DIRECTOR**
Joyce and Stan Garrett
- **CHAPTER EDUCATORS**
Gary & Debbie Lewis
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- **MOTORIST AWARENESS COORDINATOR**
VACANT
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**Director's Corner**

Well February has come and gone but not without giving us something to remember. We have endured rain, sleet, ice, snow and even an earthquake. March is already here and hopefully the weather and its sidekicks will calm down a little bit.



I myself am ready for a tropical vacation!

We have several things coming up for our chapter, one of which is our fun day. It is on May 10th and plans are already being made. We need EVERYONE'S help so that it will be a successful event for us. Please mark your calendars and be there to help support your chapter.

We still have tickets available for you to purchase and sell to help raise money for our chapter. The tickets have already been paid for by the chapter and we need your help in selling them. Please see Carol to buy your books of tickets. The drawing will be held at Wing Fling in June.

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We had fourteen from Chapter T attend the Sweetheart Fun Day at Chapter S. You should have seen us trying to win the chapter challenges. Nell, Bill and Gary were about to sweat running around trying to find objects for the scavenger hunt, Joyce and Stan was shaking things up trying to knock down those bottles with their hips swinging and rocking, and even Debbie doing the minute to win it took a good leap out in front of everyone only to fail because she had crooked hearts that just would not stack up. We all put forth a good effort and had a lot of fun playing around.

Our monthly dinner gathering had a great turn out with twelve of us enjoying a great meal and fellowship together. Good food and great friends, just doesn't get any better.

The leisurely ride we took was great. The day was beautiful and weather was perfect for our cross country ride. We had 6 motorcycles (8 people) traveling some back roads to our lunch destination "Just Dogs". The food and fellowship was great. It is not the destination but the journey to get there, which is the point of our rides. Riding your motorcycle should be fun and relaxing. You should learn to let go and just follow the bike in front of you and enjoy the views. Destinations unknown usually make for the best rides.

We will have a busy schedule for March so please watch your email for rides, dinners and announcements. If you have any suggestions for a ride or a location for us to go eat please let us know and we will get it planned.

"You have to participate to enjoy Chapter Life"



Remember to watch your email for "Surprise Rides".

Next Monthly Gathering..... Monday, March 10th at:

Loco's Grill & Pub 1985 Barnett Shoals Road Athens, GA 30605

We eat at 6:00PM and meet at 7:00PM.



**Ride Safe and Have Fun
Debbie and Ralph Stewart**

****DON'T FORGET THE DOOR PRIZES****



"Jack's Fuzzy Toys"

**PLEASE don't forget to bring the
"Fuzzy Toys" for the chil-
dren in the hospital.**



Please give all the toys to Carol.

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OUR FIRST NO RIDE WITH CHAPTER T AS A COUPLE

The ride was posted very clearly as to the time and date in the newsletter; meet at Burger King, stands up at 9:30. No problem understanding that. Joyce and I arrived at 8:45 just to be on time, with our very cold weather gear on looking forward to a great ride and lunch with our chapter brothers and sisters. We went inside Burger King to warm up and get some coffee. As time went by, we begin to wonder why no one else was there yet, I told Joyce something was wrong, terribly wrong. As usual, I began to blame my little sweetheart for reading the time wrong for stands up. So we left Burger King and went to chapter I-2 in Lavonia to visit with them.

The moral of this story is:

1. Pay attention at the chapter meeting (and you will know when the time is changed for stands up).
2. Not talking during the meeting when announcements are being made.

Stan and Joyce

**COME AND JOIN US
WE KNOW HOW TO HAVE FUN !!**



Left: Joyce puts her Yo Yo into action knocking down all the objects in record time.

Top Right: Neil, Bill and Gary make it back just in time to save their seat in the Scavenger Hunt.

Lower Right: Debbie prepares her lickerish straw to blow her Pixie Stick.

Chapter "T" WINS Second Place Chapter Challenge



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QUICK TIPS

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If you ride a motorcycle, you know that out on the road you might as well be transparent, because car drivers often look right past you. They might notice the car or truck behind you, but *you*, in all your “narrowness,” may not register in the visual cortex of even the most alert drivers.

That’s why an oncoming car driver might
turn left in front of you at an intersection.



That’s also why a driver in the next lane, even if they turn and look in your direction before changing lanes, might veer into your lane.



Sadly, drivers might behave this way even when they’re not distracted by their cell phone, GPS, satellite radio, or other form of in-car Infotainment. So how do you compensate for being “invisible” to drivers?

Be as conspicuous as possible. Wear bright clothing and a light-colored helmet. Always have your headlight on, and use your high beam or an aftermarket headlight modulator during the day (where allowed).

Take an approved rider training course. Learn how to maneuver your motorcycle in normal and emergency situations, and practice braking and swerving maneuvers often. Also understand that safe riding depends as much on the mental skills of awareness and judgment as it does on the physical skill of maneuvering the machine; respond early to possible hazards instead of having to react instantly to an emergency.

Pretend you’re invisible. If you assume others on the road *can’t* see you, and any car that *can* hit you *will* hit you, you will tend to ride in a hyperaware mindset and learn to notice every detail in your surroundings. In other words, you will take extra responsibility for your safety and ride defensively. You will vary your speed and lane position to place yourself in the best spot on the road to avoid collisions,

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plan escape paths in case a driver violates your right-of-way, cover your brake controls to quicken your reactions, use your horn to alert a driver who doesn't notice you, and always ride within your limits.

THEY EXPECT TO SEE, AND MOST DON'T EXPECT YOU TO BE PART OF THE TRAFFIC MIX. RIDE WITH THE RIGHT SKILLS, STRATEGIES, AND ATTITUDE. BE SEEN – BE SAFE. CAR DRIVERS ONLY SEE WHAT THEY EXPECT TO SEE, AND MOST DON'T EXPECT YOU TO BE PART OF THE TRAFFIC MIX. RIDE WITH THE RIGHT SKILLS, STRATEGIES, AND ATTITUDE.

BE SEEN – BE SAFE.

Hello everyone I'm sure most of you are familiar with The motorcycle safety foundation. They have a on line library with many articles and books free of charge you can down load. I have printed one as an example, here is the link to the whole library. http://msf-usa.org/index_new.cfm?spl=2&action=display&pagename=Library.

Remember to ride smart and ride safe.

Gary Lewis

Rider Education

Death Announcement

Name: Dumbo the Elephant

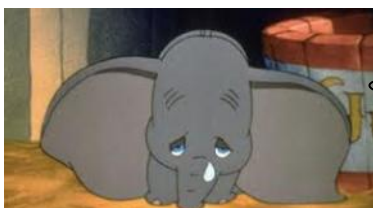
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Date of Birth: 2011

Date of Death: March 1, 2014 **Cause of Death:** Lack of Love and Broken Heart

Love

Dumbo II

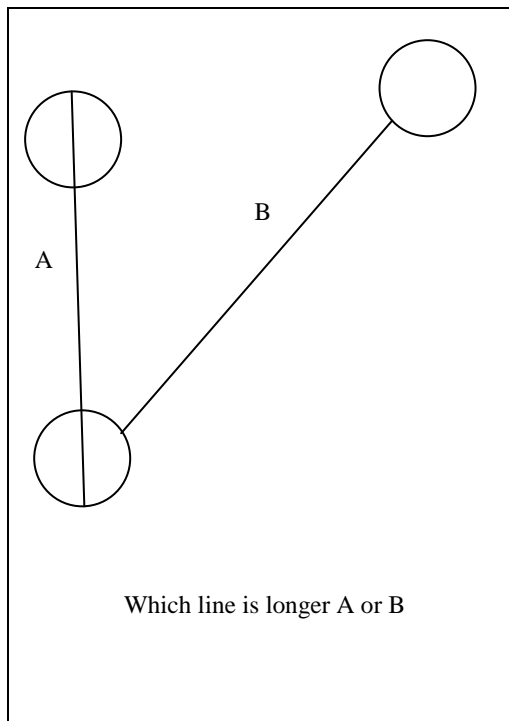
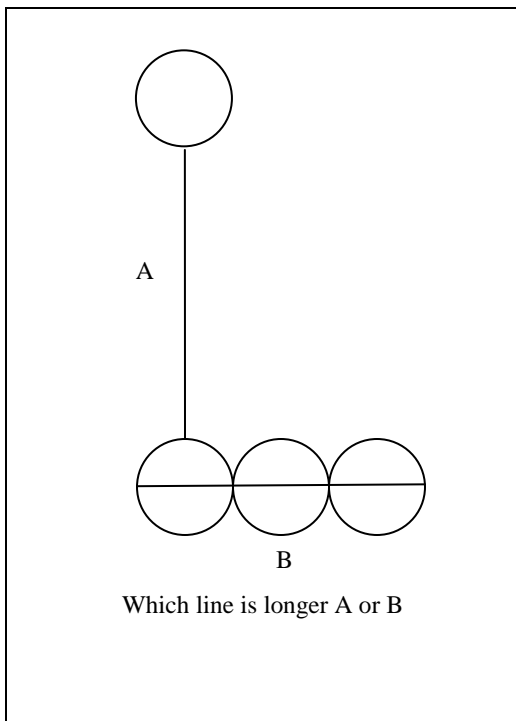


Nobody wants me,
Nobody Loves me!



See if you can solve the two puzzles below!

The answer will be given at the Gathering



Classifieds

All ads must be submitted by a current GWRRA Member. Ads will run in the Newsletter for three months unless notified of the sale of the item/s listed. It is the responsibility of the owner to notify the Newsletter Editor when an item sales.

- **2005 GL1800 black Cherry Red, Loaded with all the Bells and Whistles.**

Call Carl Devers - 706-717-1561

Upcoming Events

- March 7th 40 to Phoenix First Baptist Church of Conyers 2100 Old hwy. 138 NE, Conyers, GA 30013 7PM
- March 15th Membership Enhancement Program Class Forsyth, GA
- March 29th Member Orientation Program, Forsyth, GA
- March 20th-22th Florida District Rally. Kissimmee, FL
- April 3-5 Alabama District Rally Mobile, AL
- May 10th Chapter T's Spring Fling Fun Day
- May 1st-3rd South Carolina District Rally. Florence, SC
- June 12th-14th Georgia District Wing Fling. Dillard, GA
- July 2nd-5th Wing Ding Madison, WI
- September 11th-13th Region "A" Rally. Eufaula, AL.
- October 16th - 18th Mississippi District Rally Gulfport, MS

Willie Barnett 3/9
Mike Fields 3/12
Debbie Lewis 3/6
Rickey Mooney 3/7
Debbie Stewart 3/16



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Fred & Jackie Clark 3/8
Rickey & Dixie Mooney 3/4



Erin Cohen (Sid & Donna's Daughter-in-Law)

Ralph Stewart (Back surgery on 3/19)

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Jim & Dee Allen - District Leadership Trainers
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Jim & Dee Allen - Leadership Trainers

Region "A" Directors

Jim & Sue Jackson

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GWRRA, Region A, Chapter 'T', Athens, Georgia.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Advanced Rider Course. Chapter Q Plaque Give A
2	3	4	5	6	7 40 to Phoenix Ride	8
9	10 Chapter T Gathering	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 Florida	21 District	22 Rally
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 Member Orientation Program
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GWRRA, Region A, Chapter 'T', Athens, Georgia.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 Alabama	4 District	5 Rally
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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