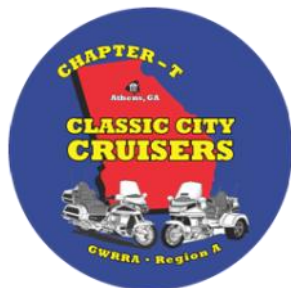


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We have been on the go from fun rides, rider's ed. class, dinners and even a school play. We are having a blast with our Chapter Friends. Are you? If not you should join us and get in on all the fun. Check out our calendar of events page and plan on joining us in our adventures.

We are also very grateful that Gary was not seriously injured, just bruised up pretty bad, when he crashed his bike on the way to Tommy's for the ARC class. However, his bike's diagnosis is unknown at this time.

When we go to Benton Lees for lunch (I have never been there but everyone is excited about going so it must be good) after we eat lunch Ralph and I are going on a personal mission to collect more counties for our patch, everyone else will ride home together as a group.

If you have seen our patch and wondered what it was now you know. If you have not done this (ride thru all the counties in the state) you should try it. It does take some time but it is a good excuse to get out and ride.

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**Monthly Gathering - First Thursday of each Month at:
I-Hop 1061 Parkway Blvd. Athens, GA 30605**

We join to eat at 6:00PM and the meeting (information & fun activities) starts at 7:00PM.

"Come Join Us and get the most out of your GWRRA Membership"

Get there early and order before 6PM to get the BOGO senior deal!

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We are looking forward to our "Tacky Tourist" Fun Day on **April 18th**. **Blacks Creek Baptist Church 3754 Blacks Creek Church Road Commerce, GA 10:00AM – 1PM**

I am sure that ALL of you are making plans to be there. We are expecting a big crowd this year and we will need help from every chapter member.

"Participation Is The Key To Enjoying Life With Chapter T"

Ride Safe and Have Fun,
Debbie and Ralph Stewart
Chapter T Directors
2013 Couple of the Year
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Rider Education

Highsider

A **highsider** or **highside** is a type of [motorcycle accident](#) characterized by sudden and violent rotation of the bike around its long axis. This generally happens when the rear wheel loses traction, skids, and then suddenly regains traction, creating a large torque which flips the rider head first off the side of the motorcycle or over the handlebars.

The initial traction loss may be caused by: locking the rear wheel through excessive [braking](#)

- Applying too much throttle when exiting a corner.
 - Oversteering the bike into the turn by shifting weight to the front wheel and using balance to drift the rear wheel sideways exceeding the lateral grip through too much speed (although, this is more likely to result in a [lowsider](#)), or too much lean.
 - An unexpected change in the surface friction (water, oil, dust, gravel, etc.) reducing the friction on the rear tire by scraping the bodywork of the motorcycle on the road surface.
- Highsides differ from lowsides as follows: during a lowside the rear wheel slips laterally and continuously until the bike falls onto its side (the side that's inside the corner), while during a highside the rear wheel slips laterally only briefly before suddenly regaining traction and flipping the bike onto its other side (the side that's outside the corner, and therefore the higher side of the motorbike). As a result highsides happen very quickly with little if any warning and are very violent.

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Participate -- verb

*Take part- engage in- join in- get involved in- share in Have a hand in- be associated with - cooperate in
Help (out) with- assist in- lend a hand with/to*

Now, I know everyone knows the meaning of the word. What I really want to say is, I am so proud of Chapter T members showing so much participation this year so far. It really excites me to see Chapter T putting there self out and about and participating in so many activities.

After all, that is why we joined GWRRA to have fun and make new friends and ride those beautiful bikes and enjoy life. Now let's get ready for the Chapter Spring Fling on April 18th, it's going to be great. I can't wait to see everyone in there tacky sweaters or shirts and show our support for Chapter T.

So tourists lets get tacky,

Vicky



**Hello Chapter T Friends ,
I'mmmm..... Back! I am so ex-
cited and just can't wait to see
who I get to go home with first.**

Adventures of Dumbo

Wow this past year has been full of many exciting adventures for me. I have been traveling all over the place. When I finally got back home you can't imagine how surprised I was to hear that all of my friends at Chapter T thought I had died. Mrs. Debbie was so shocked when I showed up at her house she started crying and laughing all at the same time. (I thought she had lost it, her mind) and then she explained everything to me. She was so excited when I sat down and talked to her and Mr. Ralph. I missed them so much and of course all of you to. I am looking forward to spending a lot of time with my friends at Chapter T, it is so much fun visiting all of you. I can't wait to see who I get to go home with first. I am ready to have some fun with you all. I hope to see you at our meeting on Thursday, April 2nd.

Love

Dumbo

Ride Ed Continued ,

If the wheels are not aligned in the direction of travel when traction is suddenly restored and the rear tire stops slipping, then a highside is likely, depending on how much the bike is turned across the direction of travel and how fast the bike is traveling when the rear tire stops slipping. If the angle is high enough, the bike is moving fast enough and the rear tire slips and regains traction suddenly enough, the rider has no chance of preventing a highside.

On my way to the A.R.C. a not so funny thing happened. I experienced what crash test dummies go through in a highsider accident but instead of sensors I had real flesh, bone and nerves.

So here I sit, Day 6 after the accident, moving slow, on the mend. so how did I have this accident Distraction - the fuse box cover box blew off, I reached to grab it and that was enough to throw my steering off that I went in to the dirt and with all the rain and snow we have had the soil is a muddy slime not good for traction. The rear wheel lost traction then caught traction as I crossed over a gravel driveway causing the highsider. I landed on my left side luckily in the muddy soil, I ended up with a very painful contusion of my ribs.but nothing else. So does safety gear work ? Definitely yes! I was wearing my Kevlar armor, gloves, jacket, leather vest, Kevlar pants, helmet and above ankle boots. Accidents happen some unpreventable others preventable. This one was preventable. When the fuse cover came off I should have just "Let It Go", instead of saving a \$10.00 piece of plastic it cost me a ambulance ride, E.R. services, a police report, possible total loss of my Burgman 650, scaring the crap out of my family, disrupting the lives of my fellow gold wing riders to come get me off the side of the road. This was my second accident my last was 40 years ago.

Ride Safe Ride Smart

Rider Education

Gary Lewis

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.

**Post Your Ad
Here**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 28th-----Plaque Attack

April 2nd-----Chapter T Meeting

April 4th-----Ride to "Benton Lees" for Lunch

April 5th-----Happy Easter

April 18th-----Chapter T Spring Fling---"Tacky Tourist"

April 25th-----Chapter Ride to Red Top Mountain

May 7th---Chapter T Meeting

May 9th---Chapter T "Ladies Only Event" -- Decorate our Duck/Dinner/Fellowship at Donna Cohen's (Bring some supplies for project)

May 16th-----Motorist Awareness Event—Marigold Festival in Winterville, GA

May 16th---Chapter "R" Spring Picnic

May 14-16----Alabama Rally

May 25th-----Memorial Day

June 4th---Chapter T Meeting

June 18-20---Georgia Rally "Gold Wing Dynasty"

As usual please watch your email or listen for a phone call for more information on rides and dinners.

The Train

At birth we boarded the train and met our parents, and we believe they will always travel on our side. However, at some station our parents will step down from the train, leaving us on this journey alone. As time goes by, other people will board the train; and they will be significant, i.e. our siblings, friends, children, and even the love of your life. Many will step down and leave a permanent vacuum. Others will go so unnoticed that we don't realize they vacated their seats.

This train ride will be full of joy, sorrow, fantasy, expectations, hellos, goodbyes, and farewells. Success consists of having a good relationship with all passengers requiring that we give the best of ourselves. The mystery to everyone is: We do not know at which station we ourselves will step down. So, we must live in the best way, love, forgive, and offer the best of who we are. It is important to do this because when the time comes for us to step down and leave our seat empty we should leave behind beautiful memories for those who will continue to travel on the train of life.

I wish you a joyful journey on the train of life. Reap success and give lots of love. More importantly, Thank God for the journey.

Lastly, **I thank you** for being one of the passengers on my train.

Carol Swanson

A STAR IS BORN

On March 14th five members of Chapter T had the opportunity to see the production of Disney's Aladdin. The Star of the show was Ralph and Debbie Stewart's grandson Caleb Key as Aladdin. Along with Caleb were his classmates from Indian Creek Middle School Chorus.

The performance of all the students were outstanding. Their presentation, singing and dancing made the audience smile, laugh and cheer. Watch out Broadway. This was a five Star Night.

Come join the us the next time. It will put a smile on you face.

Carol Swanson



FRIENDS for FUN SAFETY and KNOWLEDGE



VEGETABLE CASSEROLE

- 2 Cans Veg-All (Drained)
- 1 Cup Mayonaise
- 1 Can Sliced Water Chestnuts (Drained)
- 1 Cup Grated Cheese
- ½ Cup Diced Onions
- 1 Sleeve Ritz Crackers (Crushed)

Pre-Heat Oven to 350*. Mix first 5 ingredients together and pour in casserole dish. Sprinkle the Ritz crackers on top. Bake for 30 minutes.



A Little bit of humor to lighten
your day!!



The Balance of Nature

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An Irish priest is driving down to New Orleans and gets stopped for speeding in Georgia.

The state trooper smells alcohol on the priest's breath and then sees an empty wine bottle on the floor of the car.

He says, "Sir, have you been drinking?"

"Just water," says the priest.

The trooper says, "Then why do I smell wine?"

The priest looks at the bottle and says "Good Lord! He's done it again!"

Happy Anniversary



None Reported



Dave Brown	26th
Carl Deaver	28 th
Gary Lewis	26 th
Christine Posner	10 th
Stu Posner	14 th

GWRRA Anniversary

Jackie Clark	4/12
Sid Harris	4/91
Michael Martenson	4/09



Sick

Linda Fields
Glenn Argo
Gary Lewis
Noah Cohen

In Memory



GEORGIA DISTRICT TEAM

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GWRRA Director
 Ray & Sandy Garriss

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Let people know motorcycles are out there!

Well April is finally here and you know what that means, Yes if you said spring you are correct, but if you said it is time for Chapter "T" Fun Day you would be thinking like the rest of us. April 18th is just around the corner. We hope to see everyone there greeting our guest. Remember we only have one opportunity to make a first impression. If we don't show our guest a good time or they just sit by themselves and not get involved they won't want to come back next year. Also we need to thank our guest for being there. This also should be done at our chapter gathering as well.

Don't forget May 16th Chapter "T" is have a "Motorist Awareness" day at the Winterville Marigold Festival. We have been invited to participate in the opening parade. So polish that chrome get out your flags if you have them. Let's show off our bikes and let people know motorcycles are out there.

Chapter "T" ladies put May 9th aside in your planner. Donna Cohen is hosting a "Decorate the Duck" evening at her house. Dinner will be served at 6pm and the decorating will start afterwards. There is no need to bring anything for dinner except your favorite beverage. If you don't know what the duck is, it is the one that Chapter "T" will be entering in the contest at the Georgia Rally in June. You can bring some good ideas to add to the duck and the supplies to support your idea. If you plan to attend please let Donna know at 706-340-5737. Dinner will be Pasta Milano, Salad, dessert, tea and water.

Sid Cohen,
Membership coordinator
Ride safe and often

Chapter T Pride by Charleen

One of the things I love about GWRRA Chapter life is that everyone can show their Chapter pride by wearing their Chapter shirts to any Chapter function. If you need a short sleeve or long sleeve t-shirt, long sleeve button up or sweat shirt, please let me know and I will be happy to sell you one. Make sure you have one of each so you will be ready for the change of seasons. I have all sizes in stock or can get more if you need something that we don't have.

Short Sleeve T-shirt - \$12.00

Long Sleeve T-shirt - \$14.00

Sweat Shirt - \$15

Dress Shirt - \$22.00 over XL are \$24.50

(prices subject to change on additional orders of items not in stock)

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Chapter T Gath- ering	3	4 Chapter Ride to Benton Lee's
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 MFA Class B2 Hosting
12	13	14 Chapter T Dinner Ride	15	16	17	18 Chapter t Tacky Tourist Fun Day
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 Chapter B's 30th Anniver- sary Party
26	27	28	29	30		

FRIENDS for FUN SAFETY and KNOWLEDGE

May 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Chapter Q Benefit
3	4	5	6	7 Chapter T Gathering	8	9 Duck Decorat- ing
10	11	12	13	14 Alabama	15 District	16 Rally Chapter T M/A Day
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**Pre-register Now
for
The 30th Annual GWRRA Georgia District Rally and WIN a
FREE 7 DAY WINGERS-N-WAVES CRUISE FOR TWO
Including port taxes!!**

HOW TO WIN THE 7 DAY CRUISE FOR TWO: Pre-register by May 18, 2015 and you will be entered into the drawing for the annual Wingers-N-Waves cruise in January 2016.

Please be advised pre-registrations must be received or postmarked on or before May 18th to be eligible for the drawing. The drawing for the FREE cruise will be held on June 20th 2015 at the 30th Annual GWRRA Georgia District Rally's Closing Ceremonies.

"We are pleased to announce the GWRRA Georgia District is one of the sponsors of the 2nd annual 2016 Chapters cruise Wingers-N-Waves," said Tommy Martin Georgia District Director. The cruise will sail in January 2016 from Florida and details will be released shortly. "We had a lot of Georgia Chapters attend the 1st annual cruise and heard the cruise was outstanding." You will have the opportunity to meet others Wingers from all over the country on the special cruise. For official Wingers-N-Waves cruise information please call (386) 299-7535 or visit: www.WingersNWaves.com Former website: www.gwrraChaptersCruise.com