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Chapter Director

We have had several exciting rides and adventures this past month. You Chapter T members have been participating and seem to be having a good time. We have had rides to new places for lunch and breakfast and even a ride that lasted all day and more recently we had a chapter camping trip.

We are continuing our adventures throughout this month. Check out our calendar of events below and join in on the fun we are having.

Many of you have probably already heard that GWRRA is making some changes. I have inserted a message from the GWRRA home office explaining the changes.

Members!

Some of you may have already seen or heard that there is change coming to GWRRA. This is to share with you the changes that will be happening and we want you to hear it from us.

Below are the links to the videos to introduce the changes. The one that says Members is for all to watch and a great place to start. If you want more details, the second video is for Officers but anyone can watch.

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Monthly Gathering - Second Thursday of each Month at: Loco's 1985 Barnett Shoals Road., Athens, GA 30606 We join to eat at 6:00 PM and the meeting starts at 7:00PM. (where we share GWRRA information & fun activities)

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Here is a brief overview.

The change to our Chapters is to shift them from feeling like they had to have a meeting each month to do the "business" of GWRRA, to more of a get together to share stories, adventures, safety tips and any new information from GWRRA and then to go for a ride. Specifically, you'll see that we have taken the Rider Educator away from the Chapter. We have added a Chapter Ride Coordinator who will be an Officer of Rider Ed. This move is to facilitate a softer approach to our Rider Education Program, often called the Levels Program, and move the program promotion and administration to the District. We want the Ride Coordinator to share safety tips on riding, clothing, preparing for a ride and more in an effort to guide our Members to adopt our safe riding philosophy. Our approach will be different with our Members but our message will still talk about rider safety. Our primary goal with this change is to help our Chapters to create adventures, memories, friendships, social time and great motorcycle rides for the enjoyment of the Members of GWRRA.

Our Districts will gain some responsibilities but we want them to focus on building great memories, have adventures and great rides and enjoying the Members, while they bring a great message from the Program they represent to all of our Members, whether they affiliate with a Chapter or not. The District will open their arms wide to make certain you are included in the fun!

To be more responsive to our Members TEAM GWRRA will be engaging more with our Members and be guiding our District level of Volunteers. With this major change we have, starting January 1, 2018, removed our Regions from our current structure and opened up all Districts to interact with other Districts regardless of lines on a map. Our focus is to our Members wherever they live.

Throughout the next 6 months you'll see how some of the Programs will change and add new recognitions. Feel free to ask questions at any time to your Director, TEAM GWRRA or to me.

I ask that you follow my favorite saying from Gary Keller, "stay into curiosity and out of judgment" and open your mind to the positive that these changes can bring to our Association. I know that change can be a challenge, but together we will bring about a bright new future to GWRRA.

Thanks for your Membership in GWRRA, we appreciate you very much!

Anita President of GWRRA

GWRRA Officers Restructure 2017-06-30

GWRRA Members Restructure 2017-06-30

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Chapter T will continue to do what we do best and that is to ride and have fun with our friends.

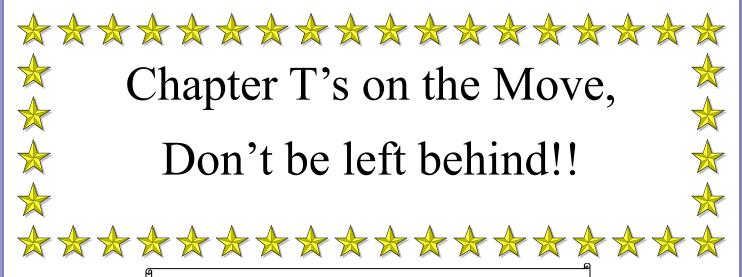
Please be aware that this year will mark the end of the Region A Rally. Join us in Eufaula, Alabama to support and Thank Jim & Sue Jackson and the entire Region A Staff for their hard work and dedication to the Members of GWRRA.



PARTICIPATION IS THE KEY TO HAVE FUN WITH CHAPTER T



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2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TENTATIVE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>EVENT</u> | <u>DESTINATION</u> | LOCATION | STANDS UP |
|---------------|--------------|---|------------------|----------------------|
| | | | | |
| August 10 | Meeting | Loco's | Athens, GA | Eat 6PM / Meet 7PM |
| August 12 | Ride | Spirits Bar & Grill | Dahlonega, GA | 9AM @ RaceTrac |
| August 14 | Meet-n-Eat | O'Shucks Seafood & Gril 108 E. May Street, Suite | * | Meet there at 6:30PM |
| August 19 | "Chapter Pi | icnic" | TBD | |
| August 26 | Ride (Ralph | n) Mystery | Surprise | 10AM @ RaceTrac |
| August 29 – S | Sept. 2 | Wing Ding 39 | Grapevine, Texas | |
| September 1 | 14-16 V | Vings over Smokies | Waynesville, NC | |
| October 12- | 14 Mi | ssissippi Dist. Rally | Gulfport, MS | |
| October 26-2 | 28 Re | egion "A" Rally | Eufaula, AL | |

As call for



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



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Don't forget to markyou calendar!

Hello Chapter T Friends

I just want to let those of you that don't ride how much fun we are having. Debbie and I have spent a lot of time in Florida the month of July. Rides kept going on Garland lead a ride to South Carolina to Deaner's restaurant. Then July 22nd we had breakfast at Mama Jewels in Athens took a long ride to Monticello for ice cream and home before it got hot. On July 29th we took a long day ride to North Carolina to Lake Lure for lunch at Larkin's on the Lake. Then on August 3rd thru 6th we had a camping trip to Fort Mountain State Park for a weekend to rest and sit by the campfire. Oh yeah let's don't forget all the fabulous food that we chowed down on.

So get ready for August we will start out in Dahlonega for lunch and a great ride. Will have a full month so watch your email and be ready to ride.

I do want to thank everyone that joins us for all these rides and sure hope more of you will come ride with us. If anybody wants us to ride somewhere please let me know and it will be added to our calendar of events.

Also if anybody wants to ride during the week let me know and we will go.

I am now retired so let's go!!

Please check out our schedule of events and makes plans to join in on the fun.

Let's Hit the Road

Ralph Ride Coordinator



Rider Education

I am sure you have all heard that GWRRA is making some changes either through Emails, Face Book, or by word of mouth "The Rumor Mill". The Home office has recently sent notice of an Organizational Restructure for GWRRA effective as of January 1st, 2018. This is mainly going to effect the National, Region, District Officers. The Region Level is going to be completely eliminated and Regional Officers responsibilities will fall to the District Officers. However, the Officers at the Chapter level will not be effected much at all. Even though the Rider Educator Officer position at the Chapter level will be eliminated.

I know some of you will be upset when you hear of this, however this is not really going to have any effect on the general population of the GWRRA Members, so lets just keep on having fun and enjoying the fellowship and riding with our fellow members.

Now, there is a couple of major things that will result from this new change.

- This coming up 2017 REGION A Rally will be the LAST EVER Region A Rally.
- There will not be another Region A Officers Conference to attend.

This being the case you may want to plan to attend the LAST REGION A RALLY, I am expecting this to be the best Region A Rally Ever !!!!

"Safety is for Life"

Tommy Martin
Chapter T Ride Educator

RECIPES

Russian Tea

20 oz Tang Power mix 1/3 Instant Tea (kind with lemon) 3/4 t ground cinnamon

3/8 t ground cloves 2 T sugar



Mix all ingredients together and store in jar for up to 6 months. To enjoy, use 2-3 heaping t spoons into mug of hot water. Adjust to suit taste.

Vicky

This newsletter article was written by Ken Thrasher, Membership Coordinator for Chapter S in Winder "The Motorsikle Capital of the World". Thanks Ken for sharing this with us.

Things They Are A Changing

By now, most of us have been made aware of some major restructuring within GWRRA. A lot of theses changes are reactions to hearing from the membership about problems, real or perceived, within our beloved organization. To this end, "corporate" has worked on restructuring with the goal of putting the focus back on why we joined GWRRA in the 1st place—to have fun riding with our friends on our Gold Wing motorcycles.

As the President of GWRRA, Anita Alkire recently stated, "Our members joined to find and ride with friends on their motorcycles. It is those bonds, made form the adventures and friend-ships, that keep them there."

We know that GA-S has a great group of participating members that work hard to see that we have a great chapter, with lots of fun places to go and things to do. We also know that our Chapter works well as it is, and as such, we can keep things going along much as they have been. But it might be nice to see how some of these new changes can enhance the fun and decrease some of the more mundane business functions, and hopefully reduce the amount of paper work required to operate a chapter. (Yeah!).

This change won't happen overnight; however some changes with TEAM GWRRA have already been made, and they have the goal of completing the restructuring by the end of this year. As your Membership Enhancement Coordinator's, we want to hear from you. What are some of the things you like about chapter life? What are some thing's that you don't particularly care for? What would you like to see us do to enhance your enjoyment in the Chapter? While we can't do everything, we want to hear from you and to promote fun in GA-S.

Ken & Traci Thrasher Membership Enhancement Coordinator Below is a copy of the new GWRRA structure.

Words of Wisdom

"Don't say something permanently harmful, because you are temporarily upset"

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 items listed. It is the responsibility of the owner to notify the Newsletter Editor when an item sales.



Cody & Jeanne Dawley 9th
Alan & Jeanna Phillips 26th
Dave & Pat Salum 3th



Diane Hardigree 13th
Jeff Crowell 10th
Rachel Winkle 27th

IN MEMORY OF





Our Sick

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Willie Barnett
Sid Cohen
Garland Dennis
Allan Hardigree
Lawana Burrell (District Treasurer)

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Dick & Gail Cross - Assistant Directors
Lawana Burrell - Treasurer

Frank & Melinda Brothers - District Educators
Bob & Karla Greer - Motorist Awareness
Norman & Wendy Morton - Membership Enhancement Coordinators
Carlos Lozano—Webmaster

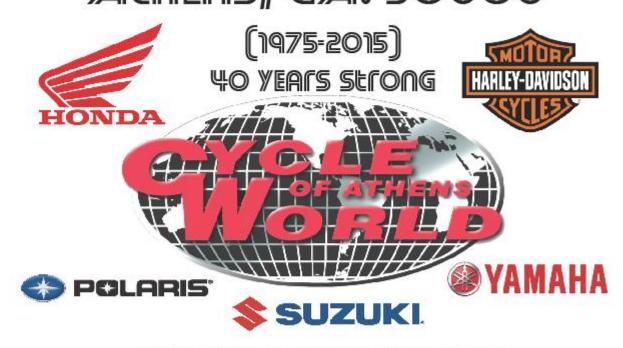


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August 2017

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 Chapter Over Night trip | 5 Fort Moun- tain State Park |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 Chapter Gathering | 11 | 12 Chapter Ride |
| 13 | 14 Meet & Eat | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 Chapter Picnic |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 Mystery Ride |
| 27 | 28 | 29 Wing | 30 | 31 | 1 | 2 Ding |

September 2017

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |