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#### **Chapter Director**

We just returned from a Chapter T ride, we rode to Lawrenceville for the purpose of honoring one of our own
GWRRA friends who lost his battle with leukemia, Don
Taylor. It brought to mind once again that I need to be
more conscious of making sure that I cherish all the moments that I have with my family and friends. I need to
make sure that I let them know they are so special to me
and not just assume they know. Making a conscious effort
is my responsibility.

Chapter T friends, we have been having some awesome rides and some good times. I want to thank everyone who has taken their time to plan the rides and to those that really participate. To those of you that have not joined us PLEASE know that we missed you and we are looking forward to you being with us on our next adventure.

Have you registered for Chapter T's Spring Fling? If not please see attached Flyer & Registration form. We have many people already registered and have made their reservations at the campground and in the hotels. Hurry don't get left out. It's coming up April 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. Good times will be had by all.

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Monthly Gathering - First Thursday of each Month at:

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

We join to eat at 6:00 PM and the meeting starts at 7:00PM.

(where we share GWRRA information & fun activities)

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

#### **Chapter Director Continued:**

Please take a minute and check out our calendar of events below. We worked really hard to get this on schedule for the first 6 months of the year. We wanted you to have the info early so you can schedule some time to join us on the rides and events.

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

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

## **Next Monthly Gathering..... Thursday, March 8th at:**

Loco's Grill & Pub, 1985 S. 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 Chapter T Directors

#### Hello Chapter T Friends

Hello Chapter T it's getting time for everybody to get the bike out and get ready to ride. It's time to spend some weekends on the road.

We have had some great rides this past month. February 10th we rode to Chapter S for their "Sweet Heart banquet then on February 24th we had a great ride to Cornelia to Fender's Diner and the last one was a ride to Lawrenceville. We had lunch at Athens Kouzzina a Greek restaurant in the Sugarloaf Mills shopping mall, everybody said it was some of the best food they ever had. After lunch we went to a memorial service for one of our GWRRA friends Don Taylor. He lost a long struggle with leukemia.

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Coming up this month we plan to do a ride on March 17th to spend some time in Dublin at their St. Patrick's Day Parade. Be sure to wear something **GREEN**.

Then we will spend a weekend in Altamonte Springs Florida, near Orlando, to attend the Florida Rally, see some GWRRA friends and maybe visit some sites while we are there.

I hope everyone will get out and join us. Please remember, if there is any ride you would like to do let me know and we will plan it and any time you would like to ride, let me know I'm retired and can ride anytime.

Thanks to everyone for being a part of Chapter T.

Let's Hit the Road Ralph

# 2018 Chapter T's Couple of the Year



February Travels with Chapter T's own Chapter Couple of the Year ~~ Jim and Sylvia

Friends, can you believe that another month has passed us by. Let's start with what we have been up to in February.

Tuesday, the 6<sup>th</sup> we drove to Golden Corral in Winder for the monthly meeting of Chapter S and we were warmly welcomed by Chapter Director Janel Piper (Joe wasn't able to attend the meeting as he had the flu). Jim decided to try his luck with the 50/50, and he won \$30.00. It was a great meeting with good food, fun and fellowship.

Saturday the 10<sup>th</sup> started out with concern and prayers for Garland as he was admitted to the hospital. As of this writing he is on his way to recovering to his healthy self – God Is Good!!

That same day we drove to Winder to Chapter S "Sweetheart Fun Day". We participated in various game challenges. We made a good run for the traveling plaque. It was a great day of food, fun and fellowship with friends.

Tuesday the 13<sup>th</sup> we started out to Crescent City, Florida to Hartco International. Our new seats needed adjustment. In no time Mark put the bolts on my seat, and I was looking at him dumb founded, and asked him that silly question, "How did you do that, I couldn't do it" and he looked at me, smiled and said, "I do this for a living Jim." Hmmmmm, where is Dumbo when we need him!! Now, Sylvia's bike seat was another story – it took half a day to get it fitted, but it looks good.

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Wednesday the 14<sup>th</sup> we called our friends, Carl & Laurie in Deland, and met them for breakfast the next day (Thursday the 15<sup>th</sup>). We decided to stay the night with them, and invited them to go with us to the GWRRA meeting in Daytona that evening. Now, who knew that Daytona 500 was in town – NOT US !!! So Carl offered to drive – Whew!! thank you Carl. Chapter FL-1 H (Race Wings) meets monthly at Duff's Buffet, supper at 6p and meeting at 7p. We were warmly welcomed by Chapter Directors Mike and Irene Harrison. We brought warm Southern greetings from Chapter T and an invitation to come and visit. Sitting in front of us were the 2018 Chapter Couple of the Year, Ron Martin and Ruth Foster, Region L "NS-K" from Nova Scotia, Canada. Laurie is Canadian and very soon she and Ruth were comparing "home" notes.

Both Carl and Laurie ride and they asked about GWRRA. Who knows, they may one day visit and come to our meeting.

Friday the 16<sup>th</sup> we said goodbye to Carl and Laurie and headed to St Augustine. Nice ride, but a hot one it was.

Saturday the 17<sup>th</sup> we rode to Golden Corral in Jacksonville where FL 1-V (Coastal Cruisers) meets monthly for breakfast and their meeting -- More fun, food and fellowship. Again, we were warmly welcomed by Chapter Directors George and Susan Bird. And again, we brought warm Southern greetings and extended an invitation to come and visit. Also, at this meeting Cindy Bird who is their Newsletter Editor and Sunshine Lady was presented with her medallion as their Chapter Individual 2018.

Sunday the 18<sup>th</sup> we attended church services at McDowell Baptist Church in St Augustine, and were surprised to find that many of the members there knew all about Athens and surrounding counties. We even met Martha Jane, owner of Martha Jane's Southern Cooking restaurant in Monticello. She is hoping that we will ride there for lunch one day soon, (this is the location of the Dave's BBQ as featured in the movie "My Cousin Vinny").

Also, Pastor Brown informed us that his prior church was in Madison ~~ small world isn't it !!

We look forward to visiting other chapters in our "Travels", meeting and greeting friends we haven't yet met and having more Fun, Food and Fellowship!!

And as Forrest Gump said, "and that is all I have to say about that"



Why join GWRRA?

There are many reasons to join GWRRA. Some will say it is because of the training that is offered, others will say it is for Rescue Plus and some will say to have other riders to ride with. All of these are definitely good reasons to join but the best reason I have found are all the friends we've made during the past 14 years.

During the past few weeks, those friends have really come together to make us both feel cared for and loved. Since Garland has been sick and in the hospital, many of you have called, came to visit, loaned us medical equipment, brought us goodies to eat in the hospital and sent up prayers. And one has gone above and beyond and completed a construction project we had been wanting to complete for a long time.

Today, while attending a funeral of another GWRRA friend, it really reminded me of how lucky we are to be a part of such an outstanding group. Yes, the friendships that we have made over the past years since joining GWRRA is the number one reason that we joined and will remain members.

Thanks to all of you for being there when we need you.

Love, Garland & Charleen

#### **Membership Enhancement**

Have you looked at your GWRRA membership card lately? I'm talking about the expiration date. Did you know if you renew your membership early you do not lose any time. I have heard remarks that indicate some members really don't know. By renewing three months early your name will not show up on the ARL as expiring membership. There are several good reasons I enjoy calling our friends, reminding them about dues is not one of them. So help me out and renew early.

Donna has come up with some fun games for our chapter gathering. Everyone's participation has been great. If anyone has any recommendation for other games please tell us and we will try it out.

Thought for a day: A positive attitude may not solve all your problems, but it annoys enough people to make it worth while

Rise safe and often, Sid and Donna Cohen Membership Enhancement Coordinator Event planner



#### **Riding Safety Tips**

#### Apply effective mental strategies:

Constantly search the road for changing conditions.

Give yourself space and time to respond to other motorists' actions.

Give other motorists time and space to respond to you.

Use lane positioning to be seen; ride in the part of a lane where you are most visible. Watch for turning vehicles.

Signal your next move in advance.

Avoid weaving between lanes.

Pretend you're invisible, and ride extra defensively.

Don't ride when you are tired or under the influence of alcohol or other drugs.

Know and follow the rules of the road.

Stick to the speed limit.

Remember: Give yourself space. People driving cars often just don't see motorcycles. Even when drivers do see you, chances are they've never been on a motorcycle and can't properly judge your speed.

### **Tremendous Opportunities**

from your Assistant Director

As I sit hear trying to come up with something for a newsletter article for the chapter several things run through my mine. How many things that we have done together, places we have been together and people we have met. Life is so good and gives us tremendous opportunities to meet different and new people that we would have never been able to know if not for the motorcycle. Tommy and I are working on some ideas for our fun day and we are so excited for this day to come. We really think it will be a fun event and the only thing we need help with is making sure you all come! We are doing a camping weekend but it does not matter if you camp, motel or just come for the day, just be sure to come. The chapter will be doing a pancake breakfast and a hotdog supper both on Saturday. There is great riding in the mountains and plenty thing to see, so come visit for a bit and then hit the road and ride or drive the scavenger hunt to see what you can find. This weekend is suppose to be for relaxation and fun so we all hope each of you enjoy yourselves. I can't wait to go and see you each there!

See you in Dillard!

Vicky

# **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

DATE	EVENT	WHERE	WHEN
March 8	Chapter Gathering	Loco's	Eat at 6PM Meet at 7PM
March 10	Bon Fire and Cook Out	at Ralph & Debbie's House	6PM
March 17	St. Patrick's Day Ride	to Dublin	Stands up 8AM at TA Truckstop in Madison
March 20	Chapter Meet & Eat	at Hot Rod's in Social Circle	Meet at restaurant at 6PM
March 22 - 24	Florida Rally	Altamonte Springs, FL	
April 7	District Rider Ed		
April 10	Chapter Meet & Eat	at Pamendis 4060 Atlanta Hwy. Loganville	Meet at restaurant at 6:30PM
April 12	Chapter Gathering	Loco's	Eat at 6PM Meet at 7PM
April 12 - 14	Tennessee Rally	Pigeon Forge, TN	
April 20 - 21	Chapter T Spring Fling	River Vista RV Resort, Dillard, GA	Ride in The Moun- tains , Relax, Food & Fun
May 3 -5	South Carolina Rally	Newberry, SC	
May 5	Chapter R Picnic	in Acworth	Cinco de Mayo
May 10	Chapter Gathering	Loco's	Eat at 6PM Meet at 7PM
May 14	Chapter Meet & Eat	Journey's End in Loganville	Meet at restaurant at 6:30PM
May 17 - 19	Alabama Rally	Mobile, AL	
May 25 - 28	Memorial Day Week- end Ride	Cherokee Area	
June 5	Chapter Meet & Eat	Blind Pig in Athens	Meet at restaurant at 6:30PM
June 9	Chapter Ride	Deals Gap	Stands Up at Race- Trac 8:00 AM
June 14	Chapter Gathering	Loco's	Eat at 6PM Meet at 7PM
June 23	Chapter Ride	Bobby's Cheeseburg- ers in Canton	Stands Up at Race- Trac 9:00 AM

Please take a minute and put these dates on your calendar and plan on joining us. You never know --- "You Might Just Have A Good Time".

# PARTICIPATION IS THE KEY





None



Debbie Lewis
 Donna Williams
 Mike Fields
 Debbie Stewart
 March 6<sup>th</sup>
 March 8<sup>th</sup>
 March 12<sup>th</sup>
 March 16<sup>th</sup>



**Garland Dennis** 



Colleen Taylor and Family (loss of Don Taylor - Husband, Father & Friend)

#### GEORGIA DISTRICT TEAM

Larry & Pam Clemmer - Directors Vance & Fern Oakes - Assistant Directors Barry & Barbara Owens - Assistant Directors Joe & Janel Piper - Assistant Directors Lawana Woodard - Treasurer Frank & Melinda Brothers - District Educators Norman & Wendy Morton- Membership Enhancement Carlos Lozano - Web Master/Vendor Coordinator Bob & Karla Greer - Motorist Awareness





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# March 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 Chapter Gathering	9	10 Chapter Cook out
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day Ride
18	19	20	21	22 Florida	23 District	24 Rally
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

# April 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 Chapter Gathering Tennessee	13 District	14 Rally
15	16	17	18	19	20 Chapter T	21 Spring Fling
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					



Chapter T's Spring Fling Ride In The Mountains April 20th-21st

50/25/25 Drawin

WHERE?

River Vista RV Resort
20 River Vista Drive, Dillard GA 30537

We have discounted rates for the Host Hotel and River Vista RV Resort. However, you have to make you're your reservation no later than March

20th to get the discount. Don't forget the Group

Code and make your reservation soon!

Motel & Campground Information next page



Riding



### **FUN ACTIVITIES**

- Relaxed Socializing with GW Friends and Family
- Scavenger Hunt Ride and others games such as bean bag toss, horse shoes, etc.
- Riding the Curves (self guided mountain rides)
- Pancake breakfast on Saturday morning
- Hot Dog meal with all the fixings on Saturday evening
- Live Entertainment Saturday evening with Robby Parker
- More surprise FUN activities will be added as we get closer?

HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US

Parker

Staring Robby



Riding

For More Information contact Chapter T Directors Debbie and Ralph Stewart 706-343–1923 Emaildas4060@yahoo.com

Come Join Us for a Stress Free, Riding and FUN Socializing Week End!

# GA Chapter T Spring Fling April 20th – 21st Registration Form

Pre-registrations must be postmarked by April 1, 2018 Price per person \$10.00 (Includes the Pancake Breakfast and Hot Dog Dinner) Name: **GWRRA#** Address: City: State/Zip
Phone: Email:
Male: Female: Age: Rider Co-Rider District: Chapter: \_\_\_\_ State/Zip:\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_ City:\_\_\_\_\_ State/Zip:\_\_\_\_ **GWRRA#** Address:\_\_\_ Phone: Male: Female: Age: Rider Co-Rider District: Chapter: Children under 10 free with a registered adult Date of Birth:\_\_\_\_ Male: \_\_\_\_ Female: \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth:\_\_\_\_\_ Name: Male: Female: Total Number participating X \$10 = TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ WAIVER: I/we agree to hold harmless GWRRA, co-sponsoring organizations and any property owners for any loss or injury to self or property in which I/we become involved by reason of participation at this convention. Rider: Date Co-rider/Rider: Date Please make checks payable to: Gwrra GA-Chapter T Mail to: Tommy & Vicky Martin 2520 Parks Mill Rd. Buckhead, GA 30625

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Host Hotel Use Group Code - GWRRA

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**Optional Motels** 

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Dillard House 768 Franklin St., Dillard, GA 30537 1-800-541-0671...2.6 Miles