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#### **Chapter Director**

Wow, I can't say it enough. Thank you all for participating and making our "2019 Spring Fling" a huge success. Everyone was excited and having a great time. The entire weekend you could feel the excitement in the atmosphere. There were so many appetizers on Friday night no one went away hungry, we even had leftovers. Yuum, I would love to have some of it now. Campfire, friends, music and laughter is how the night ended. Saturday was just as exciting beginning with an awe-some breakfast thanks to Sid & Donna and their crew for taking care of the kitchen and serving our guest. We had pancakes, sausage, Sid's special grits and all the fixin's. After breakfast everyone mounted their bikes to participate in our guided ride. We want to give a big shout out to Carlos for planning the route and all the Road Captains for leading everyone around all those curvy roads.

The fun did not stop there, we had our scavenger hunt and lo and behold wouldn't you know it, some of our objects were hidden so well by Mother Nature they were extremely hard to find. We also had some fun games going on, I will just say there was a toilet plunger involved.

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Monthly Gathering - Second 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"

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The band was getting fired up and supper was being prepared. The sloppy joes and all the sides were served everyone's belly was filled and we all moved outside to listen to "The Robby Parker Band" (They were Awesome), there was some dancing involved, folks were singing along, feet were tapping and all was good. We gave away door prizes, announced the winner's of Scavenger Hunt which was Carol & Woody and they were awarded a gift card, we sang Happy Birthday to Cody, gave away the prize for our Early Bird registration winners were Cody & Jeanne Dawley, they received a registration for 2 to our 2020 Spring Fling, we watched one of the band members propose to his girlfriend, she said yes, we gave away more door prizes and finally we gave away the money for our 50/25/25 drawing. The entire time The Robby Parker Band was playing and drawing the winning tickets. Thank you so much Robby Parker and Band we thoroughly enjoyed your music. The night ended once again around the campfire. We call it just chillin' with our friends. What an awesome weekend.

We have our dates for the 2020 Georgia Chapter T Spring Fling. We will be having another great weekend with all of our GWRRA friends. Our event will be May 15 -16, 2020 at The River Vista RV Resort in Dillard. PLEASE go ahead and get your campsite/cabin/hotel room booked. Everyone is so excited and a lot of folks have already made their reservations for our event. They are going fast so don't get left out. See Tommy for further information.

We started June off with a breakfast ride to "Sunny Side Up". We had 9 members sitting around the breakfast table. We were all stuffed when we left there. They had huge pancakes and some of the best sausage I have ever tasted. The service was great. We were all about to head home before it got so hot, but the Cody said let's go find a yard sale. Well 5 of us wound up in South Carolina at the Jockey Lot. It was a great ride and man it was hot coming home.

Coming up on June 20-22 is the Alabama District Rally in Eufaula. I hope you are planning on going with us. Ralph and I will be staying in the campground with several others. Come on and join us. I am looking forward to what has turned out to be The Chapter T Campout. We are going to Hiawassee and will be camping at The River Bend Campground. There will be more campfires, a lot of food, laughter and oh yes motorcycle rides. This will be July 31-August 4. I hope you will join us in Hiawassee. There are several hotels close by if you do not want to camp. You can come over and play with us at the campground.

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Chapter T has many adventures going on. Please check your emails/texts regularly so you don't miss any of the fun.

Please join in on the fun and come ride with us.

Riding, friends, fun and of course food...what could be better?

"Participation Is the Key to Enjoying Life with Chapter <u>T</u>"

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

Next Monthly Gathering..... THURSDAY, JULY11TH

Ride Safe and Have Fun, Debbie and Ralph Stewart Chapter T Directors



Back in the Saddle!

Well it has been over a year since I have ridden and longer than that since I have driven but I decided it was about time to get back on the bike and ride. So, on Thursday morning before the Spring Fling, I loaded up and headed to Dillard. The weather was great and I really enjoyed the ride. I arrived just in time to meet up with Ralph, Debbie and Tommy to ride to Cashiers for lunch.

We rode the curves to Highlands, NC and then to Cashiers for a nice lunch. I guess that was not enough for my first day so we then rode to Franklin, NC and did not return to Dillard until late afternoon.

The weekend in Dillard and the Spring Fling was very enjoyable. We had some great appetizers on Friday, pancakes and sausage on Saturday morning and a tasty Sloppy Joe dinner Saturday night.

The entertainment from the Robby Parker band was really good. They did a great job!

I really appreciate all the support and friendships that I have from my GWRRA friends and look forward to continuing to ride and fellowship during the coming years.

Looking forward to the Alabama rally and Region A reunion in a few weeks!

Charleen

### A word from your Membership Enhancement Coordinators

Well June is here and so is some warmer weather. I'm not going to talk about hydration or riding gear I'm sure our Ride Educator will do some of that. What I want to talk About is getting out and enjoying those machines that we are fond of. Reflect back on why we purchased them? For those who don't ride much are you keeping them ready to go at a moments notice? We still seem to have a certain group who comes to most of the rides and some in the chapter who never show up. To start with when your chapter team plans a ride or event it is for everyone in the chapter. Not just a chosen few. If you are the person who doesn't care for where we are going on a ride, make a suggestion. Your chapter leadership team has planning meeting and we will add your ride. Someone will also lead for you. Remember if you are not having fun then you probably not participating.

Donna and I are also looking for some fun events to do at each chapter gathering. We are open for suggestions for that also. You can email or call us. We will help put it together for you if needed. Heck if you just make the suggestion and don't want to get up and promote the game we will do that also. Well enough rambling on.

Remember the more folks who take part in shaping our chapter, the stronger our chapter will be.

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#### History of Fathers Day

Fathers day, traces its history to the United States of America. The idea of observing a day in honor of our fathers was conceptualized by Ms. Sonora Smart Dodd, a loving daughter from Spokane. It so happened that Sonora attended a Mother's Day sermon in 1909 and she was struck with the noble idea that society must observe a day to honor the important contribution made by our fathers in the raising of children. Encouraged by the love of her father, William Smart, a civil war veteran who single-handedly raised her, along with her five siblings after the death of her mother, Sonora worked hard to make her concept a reality. The noble idea of celebrating Father's Day soon spread across the nation. Father's Day was recognized by a Joint Resolution of Congress in 1956. Finally, in 1972 President Nixon established Father's Day as a permanent national day of observance on the third Sunday of June.

"When you talk you are only repeating what you already know. But if you listen, you may learn something."

Dala Lama

Ride safe and often,
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On June 1st there were 9 members that attended and completed the ITCP (Instructor Training Certification Program) in Winder, GA. I would like to say a big Thank You to the Instructors for taking the time out of their personal schedules to make the long trip to put on this class.

Also to the members taking the class Thank You for your commitment to the Members and GWRRA.

**Tommy Martin** 



## Georgia District COY in Travel

By the time y'all read this Newsletter we will be on our Summer "Bucket List" road trip.

Thursday 16 May, we headed to River Vista RV Park and campground in Dillard to prepare for Chapter T's Spring Fling 2019. It was a successful and fun weekend. Fun was had by all who attended – food, games, campsite fires and stories, mountain rides, scavenger hunt, and 50-25-25 making the winners happy. Also, Robby Parker and his band provided good listening and dancing music Saturday evening. If you didn't make it this year, we will see you at next year's Chapter T's Spring Fling 2020. Don't wait – sign up now !!!

BTW, do you know what happens when hot weather meets chocolate? Ralph came up to me and asked if I had cut myself as he thought I had blood on my shorts. Not knowing if it was blood, Sylvia escorted me to the bathroom only to find out that I was not bleeding . I then remembered I had gone to Walmart in Clayton to get Sylvia a Subway, and I grabbed 2 chocolate bars. The weather being very hot they started melting so as I was eating one, it dropped on the seat and of course I sat on it. Sure glad we put Dumbo away , otherwise he would have gotten heat stroke on this trip and guess who would have had him for the month J J J.

Thursday 23 May, we started out toward Washington DC for the final Rolling Thunder Ride (so it was said). We took our time riding and arrived in Falls Church, VA on 26 May. The hotel parking lot was filled with motorcyclists also going on this ride. What seems to be the norm lately, we no sooner checked into our room and we had another burst of rain.

The next day we, along with the other riders, were up at "dawn thirty" ready to head out to the first "staging" at Patriots Harley Davidson in Fairfax, VA (thanks to Sid C. for giving us this information) -- praying we would be one of hundreds lucky enough to get our pass to the Pentagon for "The Ride". We were then asked to line up four abreast, given passes to be displayed on the windshield – YAAAA HOOO!!! We made it. We then waited until 9:45 to ride to the Pentagon for the next "staging". There was a tent set up by

Honor Bound Disciples of Jesus Christ and they were giving water, snacks and ministry tracts while we patiently waited. It was a good time to meet and talk with other bikers and take pictures.

Finally it was time to start riding to the Pentagon – it was a LOUD start J J Spectators lined the roadside and overpasses cheering and waving American flags. What an awesome feeling and great ride – to look ahead and behind of us and see so many bikers – to realize that we were only a few of many already ahead of us at the Pentagon. Once there, we were asked to line up in rows and as close as safely possible – MERCY!! It was hot and humid. Tents were set up where cold water was given out and cold water buckets were out where one could dip their hats or bandanas -- which we all took advantage of. We kept in touch with Sid C. via cell phone – he was parked at the South parking lot and we were parked at the North parking lot. No way could we have found one another --- THERE WERE THOUSANDS OF BIKES!!!! Wouldn't you know, my lady found the Subway tent J J. ("I was having a Subway withdrawal – I couldn't handle any more snack food".)

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About 2:30 row by row started the "Rolling Thunder" ride. AWESOME, JUST AWESOME!!

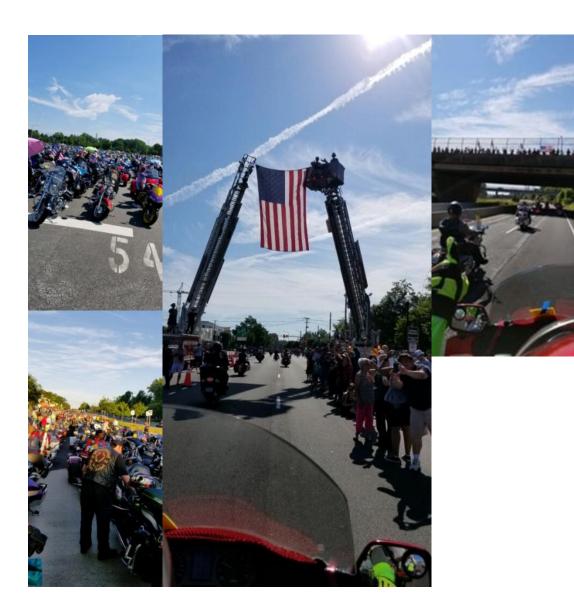
Again, spectators lined the streets with American flags cheering us and taking pictures. What a tribute to our fallen heroes and veterans.

29 May, we started our ride to Connecticut (with sprinkles every now and then). Arrived at 4:30, AGAIN, we checked in, unpacked the bikes and trailers and it started to rain – COLD, COLD RAIN. It has been raining off and on since. We are making plans to go to Americade, leaving 06 June, along with our son John and his wife Karen. We plan to go to John's Chapter gathering on June 10. We will bring warm Georgia greetings.

We will miss being with you at Loco's, but know that we carry each one of you in our hearts, thoughts and prayers. Be safe, keep the rubber down and the sunny side up, lets ride, --- YAHOOOO!! (Sylvia's Victory Yell).

Blessings to You & Yours

Jim & Sylvia



FRIENDS for FUN, SAFETY and KNOWLEDGE



Alan & Diane Hardigree 6/7 Tommy & Vicky Martin 6/19



Jeanne Dawley 6/26 Alan Phillips 6/10 Jim Stogden 6/11

#### Condolences to:

The Family of Dave Salum &
The Family of Craig Whitehouse (Chapter S)



Cody Dawley (oral surgery)

Donna Cohen (wrist surgery)

#### GEORGIA DISTRICT TEAM

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