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Chapter Director



I thought I would remind you all as to why you joined GWRRA. The photo above is intended to help you remember why. Are you riding at all? Are you participating in any way with your chapter? Have you forgotten how to have fun? Dust off your motorcycle and RIDE.

Many of us had a great time this past weekend. Chapter T was camping and riding in the mountains of Hiawassee. We had 10 chapter members enjoying this event and we had 4 more chapter members stop by for a visit + several non members. We had beautiful weather, great rides, awesome food and a whole lot of laughs. River Bend Campground is beautiful. I think we will be going back.



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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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In a couple of weeks Ralph and I will hopefully be fulfilling some things on our bucket list. We are heading out on our trike for a couple of weeks, Lord willing. It is exciting for us. Jim & Sylvia has been a great inspiration to us.

They were gone on their trikes for quite a long time and have not killed each other yet. 😊



Reminder to everyone: Inspect your motorcycle BEFORE you take off on any ride. Hydrate day before you ride and also put a couple bottles of water in your bike to drink. Wear sunscreen!!

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

"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, September 12th

Where: Loco's Grill and Pub, 1985 S. Barnett Shoals Road, Athens, GA 30605

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

**Ride Safe and Have Fun,
Debbie and Ralph Stewart
Chapter T Director**



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**Are you CHICKEN?
If Not
Read to the END!**

Well Ladies and Gentlemen, It was a weekend to remember. We had a group of Chapter T members camping at the Riverbend Campground and even though the meteorologist had forecasted rain it didn't stop us and the weather turned out to be great. As I have said in the past, we need to stop looking at the weather forecast when planning rides. If it is raining when you get ready to leave either wait it out or put on your riding gear. We have missed so many good riding days just because someone looked at their phone or TV and said there calling for RAIN. Water won't hurt you! I hope you take a shower or a bath occasionally! Yes , I understand it is not as much fun to ride in the rain sometimes, but sometimes a refreshing shower is welcomed. Just plan and prepare for the ride and weather conditions that may arise. We all should be cautious of severe weather and act accordingly. However, if you let a chance of rain forecast stop you from joining the FUN of rides, weekend trips, etc. You are missing a lot of Great Times that can't be recaptured in the future.

There are GWRRA Members that live within a 30 minute ride of our chapter as well as other local GWRRA Chapters across the state that have never attend one Chapter Gathering just to see if they may like to be involved in some of the activities that the Chapters do. We also have members that have attended Chapter Gatherings however, they don't participate and haven't participated in any of the rides or other activities.

We have members that live 45 minutes to an hour from our home chapter and they participate regularly, We have members that have been in the Chapter for many years and they can't ride anymore but still participate with the chapter.

I understand that everyone can't participate in everything, all the time. But, what I don't understand is why anyone would pay for a membership in an organization as big as GWRRA and not participate with one of the local Chapters. Yes, I know our lives are busy, with family and work. That's right some of us still have to work. I promise you, your schedule can't be anymore busy or scrambled up as mine! Also, You may think you might not fit in with strangers. Well BIG NEWSFLASH, have you ever considered that all your friends, coworkers, family members and people you know were strangers to you at one time? Some of my best friends and most of my friends, I met through GWRRA. Everyone wants to know the answer to the question "Why did the Chicken cross the Road? Maybe it was to find new friends and explore new avenues. It may not be for you but give it a try, it might be the best move you have ever made. You are a member of one of the largest Motorcycle organizations in the world, it didn't get that way by accident. There are a lot of good people enjoying the benefits of socializing, riding and doing things together because they had enough Chicken in them to cross the road!!

So, if you haven't checked out your local GWRRA Chapter and gave it a fair shake to see if you fit in the FUN they have as a group. We would really like for you to join in the FUN!!

**Now my Question to you is,
Are You CHICKEN?**

Tommy Martin

Newsletter Editor

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Some picture of our recent camping trip to Hiawassee



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Georgia District COY in Travel

YAHOOOOOOO!!!! HOME SWEET HOME !!!!

On 15 July, we left John and family in Connecticut and started our way back home. We experienced very hot weather, two traffic accidents and major road construction. We finally arrived at our hotel for the night -- tired, weary and short tempered. I went in and gave them our name -- but they couldn't find our reservation, so I showed them the confirmation number. By that time Sylvia had come in with HER luggage on the cart, heard the conversation and didn't say her famous "Say Goodbye Dear" instead she said "Fix it Dear",

I am not moving from this spot." Well the reservation was found -- for Clinton, Iowa, NOT Clinton, New Jersey. Needless to say, I was not a happy camper, but after about 30 to 45 minutes we were checked into room. That night as I started our routing for the next stop I decided to call the Corporate hotel chain to verify our next night reservations, only to be told that the reservations were for December 18th and not for July 16th -- the error was indeed corrected.

On 16 July, we headed to Lancaster, Pennsylvania. We spent an extra day in Lancaster touring the Amish country site. We attended the Sight and Sound Theater where we enjoyed the stage production of "JESUS" with magnificent sets, special effects and live animals.

On 18 July we headed to Warrenton, Virginia for the night and on 19 July we headed for Franklin, Virginia and again spent two nights because of hotel scheduling issues. We looked at all the routes into Norfolk, they were either going thru tunnels under the water or bridges over the water -- My lady is NOT doing under-water tunnels and I am NOT doing bridges.

On 21 July we headed to Portsmouth, Virginia for church services. Monday, we took the ferry across the Elizabeth River to visit my last ship, THE USS WISCONSIN BB-64 which is now tied up at a pier as a museum. It was a day that will always remain in my heart. The tour guide said, "heck you know the ship better than us, just be careful and have fun" and fun we did. I was Sylvia's tour guide -- we went to my old office space, the galley (kitchen), the bake shop, ships store, mess decks, chief's mess, officers wardroom, supply department spaces, and berthing areas. We climbed up and down the ladders (stairs) thru so many hatches (doors) leaned on many bulkheads (walls) to catch our breath -- back in the day I could do all that and not stop to catch my breath !! My picture with the ship behind me was taken and given to me. I had some custom dog tags made for me and I had the pleasure of signing the USS Wisconsin BB-64 Log Book dedicated only for Plank Owners -- An Honor Indeed !! That was a good day for me with many memories and a good day to be a sailor. It would have been a good day to get underway. The weather again changed, and we stayed an extra day as there were flash floods all around us -- even the dining room and lobby had ceiling leaks.



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On 24 July we headed to Oxford, North Carolina, where the GPS rerouted us several times (AKA getting lost.) We needed to stop and eat before starting out again -- FINALLY we saw our hotel in the distance next to the interstate AND....next to SUBWAY!!! We won't discuss that conversation!!

On 25 July we headed to Statesville, North Carolina. We settled into our room with no issues and chose to spend two days there so we could ride to Love Valley -- a town away from the city with an atmosphere of an old western town -- you leave your motor vehicles at the parking lot and walk in or ride in on your horse. Unfortunately, it was a weekday and all the shops were closed. We were told by one of the older residents that on certain times of the year they do host several public events, i.e., holiday parades, Easter celebrations, rodeos. It is a beautiful ride to Love Valley. Then it was time to sit down and enjoy lunch -- we headed back to the hotel and asked for a good place to eat. The desk clerk suggested several places and we stopped her when we heard "Mi Pueblo Restaurant" -- OMG !! Food of our people was just AWESOME ! Being new in town, we missed the turn to the entrance -- we signaled at the next turn, but evidently not fast enough, a driver comes around us at a fast speed over double lines and as she passed us she gave us a dirty look. But here is the thing folks -- her turn was just a few feet away. Well.....we just about became a statistic. Lesson learned here: Expect the Unexpected -- Be watchful and mindful of ALL even stupid !

On 27 July we headed to our last stop before "HOME SWEET HOME" -- Cherokee, North Carolina, where I wanted to try my luck fishing, (and Sylvia wanted to browse through the shops), and no I didn't catch anything, well maybe a slight cold. Sunday afternoon, I was listening to the news and weather report for the area -- there would be lighting thunderstorms that night and the few days. I told Sylvia that we could stay 3-4 days until the storm passed or we could ride 3-4 hours and hope we didn't get caught in rain. The trailers were loaded in no time at all and at 4:30ish we were on our way home -- "Lucy, I'm home", and Sylvia replied "what is that all about?" I told her that we were in Georgia and next time we're in that area I will show her the welcome sign.

Since this will be our last article for our 2019 Bucket List Travels -- we did observe in our travels the safe and unsafe riders. Safe riders wore boots, jackets, long pants, and gloves, AND.... wore helmets. The unsafe riders rode like there was no tomorrow; not paying attention to their surroundings. They wore shorts, tee shirts, sandals, AND.... no helmets. DRESS FOR THE SLIDE NOT THE RIDE!

We hope to see y'all at our regular meeting at Loco's Thursday 08 August.

YAHOOOO !! (Sylvia's Victory Yell). Blessings to You & Yours

Jim & Sylvia

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Cody & Jeanne Dawley 8/9
Alan & Jeanna Phillips 8/26

Condolences to:



Frank Brothers (Surgery)

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Jim & Sylvia Stogden District Couple of the Year



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August 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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