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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,
the meeting starts at 7:00PM.**

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

Chapter Directors

I hope this newsletter finds you all are safe and well. This COVID-19 is really taking it's toll on everyone. The good news is that I have not heard of any of you killing each other yet (Lol).

I hope you are using this time to take care of the many projects you have around the house and make sure the time with your family is quality time.

As you know we have had to cancel all the plans and activities that were scheduled. Many of you are asking about our Spring Fling in May, as of right this minute we are still planning on having it. A final and definite decision will be made by the end of this month. If we do have to cancel the Spring Fling, Ralph and I are still planning on going up there and camping for the weekend.

Please keep your motorcycle ride ready. You can go for a ride by yourself, just don't make any stops along the way.

Please check on other members and friends to make sure they are all okay. We are family.

Ralph has used this time to build us a fire pit and we can't wait to share with you all when this mess is over with. Right now we are keeping our distance from people but we hope that soon we can all get together.

Be Safe!!

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FRIENDS for FUN, SAFETY and KNOWLEDGE

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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..... UNKNOWN

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



April 2020

Hi everybody just wanted to say hello. I don't know about y'all but I'm going crazy not seeing anybody. They closed the gym and I'm too lazy to exercise by myself. Believe it or not I've been fishing and catching some catfish and crappie, if they keep biting maybe we can have a fish fry. The other day Tommy and I rode about 135 miles and didn't get 25 miles from the house and by the way we didn't get close to each other. I want to go see the grandkids, but Debbie won't allow it she is so afraid. It looks like we probably won't be able to meet this month. Hopefully this will ease up and finally work it's way through and be done. Hopefully we can all get together again next month for Chapter T's Spring Fling up in Dillard. Please take care and be safe!!

See you soon

Ralph



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AS WE SEE IT

We mature individuals are paying close attention or should be, to the effect that COVID19 is having on every one. We continue to pray for our Chapter friends and families who might be experiencing an illness or those who had surgical procedures and are recovering or upcoming surgical procedures and had to postpone and doctor appointments (as in Sylvia's and my case) that also had to be postponed. There is so much and so many that this virus has affected. (As a side note) -- can anyone explain to me, why a lot of people went crazy and bought cases and cases of toilet paper? Well... I rely on one of my favorite sayings, **"Gee Paw I just don't understand"**. I, as well as some of our elderly members, we are considered to be a high risk. Make no mistakes, COVID19 can strike anyone one regardless of age.

In the Navy there is a saying called "Channel Fever" -- it's a term we use when we are on our way back home and we are about a day or two from port, and we are all hyped up, can't sleep, and a little on the edgy side. I have been having channel fever for the past month or so, as I have been staying very, very close to home, (mail box and back), no contact with anyone -- having to wear my nose mask and gloves, because the pollen doesn't show me any mercy. I try to spend the days reading my favorite book, watching TV and getting in the way. I also go to the garage and start up the trikes and wipe them down; and to be honest I long to go to a restaurant (I will even go to Subway at this point), shopping and "Getting in the Wind" with my friends. I miss "YAHOOO". But I want to be safe and keep my friends and family safe as well; as I am sure you do too.

It has been recommended that we not go out unless it is necessary and if so, stay at least six (6) feet from one another. GWRRA has agreed with those recommendations, and our Chapter Director, (Debbie) having the health of the membership in mind sent out a notice about Chapter T cancelling all meetings and rides until further notice. We should applaud her for making the choice. For those that think being a Director is an easy feat, don't really understand or know the many hours she and her staff gather to plan out rides and other activities for the upcoming year. Soooo, please call her, send a card thanking her -- better yet, step up and volunteer to assist her. I read an article on our church newsletter, stating that most organizations, including churches have a lot of names on their membership but only about 10% show up for meetings and activities; out of that figure are the ones that do a lot of the work. Think about that a while.

Speaking of "Getting in the Wind", my computer and I have gotten to be real good friends. I have been plotting our next "Bucket List Ride". When it is safe to travel and we have recovered from our health issues, we will be doing the Trail of Tears Ride starting in Cherokee, TN on up to Kentucky, Missouri, Arkansas, and ending in Tahlequah, Oklahoma. My Lady told me to route us up to Pawhuska, OK, so we can stop and shop at the Pioneer Women Mercantile. I said OK, as long as you know we will have to stop and spend a couple of days with Elvis, LOL. After we acquire several souvenirs in Pawhuska we will be go to Weatherford, OK to complete our Trail of Tears. From there we get onto I-40 East and head back to Georgia. We anticipate on doing about 3000 miles or so and take about four (4) to five (5) weeks. And as always we rough it and camp out every night at the nearest hotel with nice a bed with fresh linen, free TV & HBO, free coffee, free breakfast, and hot showers. Sometimes we camp out for an extra day or two. Oh by the way, we only do about 250 miles a day, so if anyone feels the call of the wild to rough it with us, let us know and we'll explain the route. We are very flexible and so is the trip going and coming.

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Our “Sunshine Lady” has been keeping a close watch over me, (**someone has to**) and has been busy sending out cards to our members and others. As a matter of fact, I have been teasing her about her going every morning to the post office to mail cards and jokingly told her “Sylvia, don’t you think it would be easier to move the post office to the house”. She has even taught our neighbor how to make wraps (as in Barbaritos) – **DON’T PANIC, HER LESSONS HAVE BEEN BY PHONE** and she even cooked the tortillas and bagged them and left them on their door handle.

I have been doing all of the above and then some. Indeed I have been keeping busy with sending out cards and will continue to do so. They may be letters generated on my computer, as we have been doing our part by sheltering-in-place and I have not gone out for cards. Even our church services have been on line, a first for Hull Baptist. Do feel free to join us on line (hullbaptist.org) on Sunday mornings at 11:00 and Sunday evenings at 6:00p. Our interim Pastor, Chuck Nation is very good. So do join us for a wonderful half hour message. Our daughter has showed me to grocery shop on line – WHAT A HEAVENLY BLESSING!!! Although because of COVID19, I may not be able to pick up our order for two (2) – three (3) days. No worries there. I have also found a pattern on line for sewing face masks and will try to start sewing anytime now. Even though it has been said that the homemade face masks may not block the virus like N95, but the pattern I have are made with the side opening to insert a layer of tissue, paper towel or even another piece of fabric for extra protection and can be used as a last resort.

Friends, we know who our focus should be on and we know who is in control. He is our refuge, our strength and our rock. May God bless you with His peace and comfort.

As Pastor Chuck said in his first sermon “If we keep our eyes on Christ, we need not fear”

Please don’t hesitate to let me know if I can help by sending a note to a loved one.

God Bless

JIM & SYLVIA

Cabin Fever Relief

Well we are facing some different and somewhat difficult times right now and I hope everyone is staying safe and taking care of their self. This will pass and hopefully soon. If you need to break to get out of the house, (Cabin Fever Relief) well I have found that a good ride through the country side works pretty good! You can pack a sack lunch and have your own picnic just practice your distancing from others. It also exercises the motorcycle/vehicle as well. We are still planning on having our Spring Fling Event in May. I know I am really looking forward to it, we have already missed two of our District Rallies (Florida and South Carolina) and I don't know about you all, but I miss seeing all our GW friends. So until we can meet again, I hope you all stay safe and ride often.

Tommy



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