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Directors News

Wow! What a start to the New Year - 51 people in attendance for our first 2005 Chapter meeting, including 14 members of the District staff and 2 members of the National Staff. We think that's a first for Chapter N. Also, we had 4 wonderful door prizes and great response to our 50/25/25. This gave us a good start to rebuilding our Charity Funds for the Ogden House.

The new riding year actually started on January 1 when 12 Chapter N members enjoyed an unusually warm ride to Chattanooga for New Year's Day lunch. We all took this as a good omen for many enjoyable rides ahead in 2005. And

at least for a few days, this great riding weather continued. Seven bikes with 12 riders/co-riders enjoyed another good ride on Sunday, the 9th. We met at Cowboys at 1:30 and rode



Sammy & Donna Conn

for a couple of hours. When we stopped for a break in Asheville we were delighted to see three more Chapter N couples riding toward us! The Irwins, Harris' and Dobbs were on their way home from

Cheaha Mt on their own Sunday ride. After a brief visit, we parted ways - some for home, some to continue on for about another hour before stopping at the Cracker Barrel for dinner (Hey, as Butch says, we gotta eat). January 15 brought our annual Snow Ball Run to Montgomery. Again the weather cooperated, and 8 members were able to ride their bikes down on Friday. We were joined by 15 other Chapter N members on Saturday to enjoy the festivities of the rally. (Continued on the next page).

Assistant Directors News

Can you believe that it is already February! This year has already taken off with many changes for Laura and me in our Chapter and District positions. In addition to working with Sammy and Donna as their Assistants we are also now the District

Newsletter Editors.

The Snowball Rally and Officer's Conference was a little different this year. Sitting on the "other side" of the table for the first time was quite a humbling experience for us. We were looking at so much talent and expertise in the room



and wondering if we will be able to keep up with the masses. (Continued)

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Thanks to our faithful Chapter N members, we once again brought home the plaque for Largest Chapter in Attendance! Other awards and prizes for Chapter N – Butch Harris – Grand Prize, Diane Harris – several door prizes, Sammy Conn – a door prize, Josh Dodd – Recruiter of the Year! Although no award was given, Joyce Wilson was ‘runner up’ for Recruiter of the Year. Wayne Gargus won the Joe Sellers award for his return trip to North Carolina in October (see related article).

Our Dinner Ride this month was to the Top of the River in Gadsden. Although the weather was not as cooperative for this outing, 17 faithful Chapter N members enjoyed a great meal.

In February we will be looking for you at our annual chili cook off on the 12th. The winner will be awarded a surprise. Also, this is our Valentine’s Day Celebration. We’ll have Valentine themed prizes and door prize. If you want to bring your “Valentine” a gift, that’s fine too. We will be playing bingo and practicing our talent for the District Talent Show in Mobile.

It’s been a great month and we are looking forward to many more!

Come Ride With Us,

Sammy & Donna Conn, Chapter Directors AL-N

ACD News Continued

We were very proud of the representation at the Rally by our chapter; AL-N took home the largest chapter in attendance one more time. In addition to this honor, our very own Wayne Gargus received the Joe Sellers Award, Josh Dodd got the Recruiter of the Year and Joyce Wilson received runner up. Way to keep it in the family! Several other members won prizes, also. We are very proud to be a part of The “N” Crowd, AL-N.

As announced at Snowball, our fair state is very fortunate to now have two couples from our area working on the national level; Wayne and Liz Gargus are National Assistant Coordinators for the Trike Sig, in charge of events. Look for them at Wing Ding and check into the trike hike. We are also very honored to be working with Donnie and Charlotte Mardis at the District level as they begin their new staff duties as International Couple of the Year Coordinators. They will continue to serve as MED for the Alabama District and we know that they will do an excellent job in all of their positions.

We have begun preparations for our June 4th Fun Day, 20th anniversary celebration, birthday party. It will be at Cycle World again this year and Mike Britt has once again offered a generous grand prize of a set of tires to be given away. This will help to draw a lot of folks to our gathering, helping us to raise more money for the Odgen House. Our Fun Day will have a birthday party theme this year. We plan to try to invite and honor all past Chapter Directors from our twenty-year history. Any ideas, suggestions, etc. that you may have towards the event will be greatly appreciated.

*Riding with The “N” Crowd,
Rick & Laura Brothers
AL-N ACD*

February Birthday’s and Anniversaries

Ron & Daphne Keller Anniversary
2-13 Dorothy Glenn Birthday
2-16 Roy Allen Birthday
2-21 Jim Hyatt Birthday
2-28 Shari Emory Birthday





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Chapter N meets the 1st Saturday of Each Month, (except July, which is the 2nd Saturday), at Western Sizzlin 209 Grand Ave (Hwy 77) Rainbow City, AL. Eat 5:00 P.M. Meet 6:00 P.M. Breakfast Meeting every Wed. 8:30 A.M. at Poor House Rest.

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N on the web: [http://www.kerrywilson.com/](http://www.kerrywilson.com/coosavalleywings.htm)

coosavalleywings.htm where you can find photo

albums, Birthdays & Anniversaries, Newsletters,

Links, Message Board, & Reminders of Meetings.

Chapter N Serves over 450 members in Northeast

Alabama.

Technical Tips: Proper Tire Inflation Recommendations (From Dunlop) Submitted by Harry Dennis

Thank you for taking the time to contact us regarding the proper inflation pressures for the Dunlop Elite 3 motorcycle tires fitted to your Honda GL 1800 Gold Wing. For the original equipment sizes of 130/70-18 front and 180/60-16 rear, we suggest inflating your tires to 38 psi front and 41 psi rear for all loads and street conditions.

Recruiting & Retention— Dewey & Alice Cole District R & R Coordinators

Hi Everybody,

Most people you talk to about GWRRA are excited to meet people with the same interests. Before you approach them about joining you already know they ride a motorcycle. Be sure and invite them to your meeting or whatever kind of outing your Chapter has planned.

Chapter Directors, remember and remind your Chapter Members for recruiting one new member you will receive a GOT ONE pin. If you recruit "3" new memberships you will receive your next years membership FREE! If you are a Life Member and recruit "3" new memberships you may use your coupon for Free Registration to Wing Ding or use it to buy Goodies from the GWRRA Official Products Catalog.

2/2 Breakfast at Poor House 8:30 AM.

2/5 Chapter N regular monthly meeting at Western Sizzlin. Eat at 5 and meet at 6 PM.

2/9 Breakfast at Poor House 8:30 AM.

2/12 Chili Cook-Off at Palisades Park on Hwy 231 about 2 miles North of Oneonta. Watch for the sign on your right; it's about 3 miles to the park. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizes for the best chili. Set up 4:30 PM, judging 5-5:30 PM, eat 5:30 PM. Donna will advise of items needed. We have the lodge from 4-9PM. Sammy will build us a fire and Donna will host a bingo something.

2/16 Breakfast at Poor House 8:30 AM.

2/19 Open

2/23 Breakfast at Poor House 8:30 AM.

2/26 Dinner ride to Pas'ghettis Ital-

February 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 BREAKFAST	3	4	5 Monthly Gathering
6	7	8	9 BREAKFAST	10	11	12 Chili Cook Off Palisades Park
13	14	15	16 BREAKFAST	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 BREAKFAST	24	25	26 Dinner Ride Pas'ghettis
27	28					

ian Restaurant in the Sutton Square Shopping Center in Rainbow City (behind Western Sizzlin). Meet at the restaurant at 5:30 PM

January J.A. Winner: Kerry Wilson
January Door Prize Winner Joyce Wilson

Bay Watch 2005
GWRRA REGION "A"
ALABAMA DISTRICT RALLY

Mobile, Ala.

March 31st, April 1st & 2nd

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Snow Ball Run January 15th Results:

SNOWBALL 2005 AWARD WINNERS

Most Active Chapter—1st Place: AL—K

Most Active Chapter—2nd Place: AL—B

Joe Sellers Award: Wayne Gargus, AL—N

Grand Prize (Gas Grill): Butch Harris, AL—N

Grand Prize (Set of Tires): Myra Walker, AL—I

50/25/25 Winner: Mark Sharp

50/25/25 Winner: Michelle Baker (Winslow), AL—D

Largest Chapter in Attendance: Chapter N (28 in attendance)