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# Directors News

January 2005! What happened to 2004? Time seems to move faster and faster - probably because we have so much fun with our Chapter N Gold Wing friends. We are really looking forward to the new year. On December 12, we had a very successful planning meeting. Activities for this year will include our usual dinner rides, Fun Days and weekend rides to several rallies. Keep your calendar updated with Chapter N activities because you don't want to miss any of the fun. We received several suggestions for modifying some activities - like changing

the Birthday/ Anniversary rides from supper to dessert. Also, the birthday boys and girls will receive free dessert. Donna is working on a schedule to in-



Sammy & Donna Conn

clude those members who have birthdays in November - February since we don't actually have a birthday event during those months. Rides will be available before each of our

Chapter meetings and we will have some Sunday afternoon rides for those folks who have to work on Saturday. Our goal is SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE. All YOU have to do is participate - in whatever activities interest you. Speaking of activities - we will be adding a SUGGESTION BOX to our monthly meeting activities. There will be a box provided along with 'suggestion forms' so that you always have a way of getting your suggestion to us. We need suggestions for one day rides, overnight rides, (Continued on the next page)

# Assistant Directors News

Hello Chapter N,

We have had a most wonderful holiday season this year. All of the kids were home at the same time (for a change) and we got to spend time together relaxing and reminiscing.

After they all left, being blessed with unusually mild

weather, we got to spend the rest of our vacation time riding. Laura got to come to Wednesday breakfast club for her annual visit and then we spent the rest of the day touring Little River Canyon and Desoto State Park. Saturday we joined with 10 other bikers for a New Year's Day ride up Highway 11 to Chattanooga for lunch at the Cracker



Barrel. We were honored to be with Sheila Billingsley on (continued on the next page)

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restaurants for dinner rides, suggestions for improving our Fun Day, and any other rides or activities you would like to suggest. Also, 2005 is the 20th Anniversary of Chapter N and we need your input about celebrating this monumental event.

In short, we are very excited about being your Chapter Directors and very excited about this new riding year. We both want to invite you to "Come Ride with Us".

Sammy and Donna Conn

Chapter Directors Alabama N

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her first long ride and hope to get the opportunity to do it again soon. After taking the long way home to scout out future dinner locations, we arrived home about dusk appreciative of the good times with good friends. We are looking forward to the Snowball Rally and hoping that this exceptional weather holds on a little while longer.

We would like to thank Sammy and Donna for asking us to be on their staff this year. We appreciate the opportunity to help "stir the pot and add some seasoning of our own". Please let us know if there is anything that we can do to help you in your hobby of choice and to make our chapter the very best that it can be. We hope to visit some other chapter meetings over the next couple of months before the AL District Rally in Mobile the end of March. If anyone has a place that they would like to visit, please give us a call and possibly we could travel together.

*Riding with the 'N' Crowd, Rick & Laura Brothers AL-N ACD*

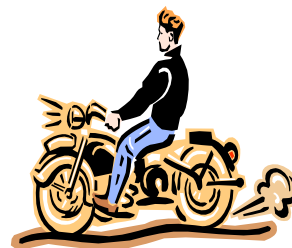
# New Years Day Ride

We had 12 members on 6 bikes who left just after 10:00 from Cowboy's in Rainbow City. We had a terrific ride up Highway 11 to Cracker Barrel in Chattanooga. After a very filling meal - including black-eyed peas - we headed back toward Alabama. Harold and Shari lead the way on a very scenic ride through Jasper and South Pittsburg then on to Ider and highway 75. As we came south on 75, our members began to go their separate ways. Everyone really enjoyed the day. A special 'congratulations' to Sheila Billingsly (Mrs. Billy) on her first 'long trip'.

We are looking forward to next week's meeting and hope to see you there.

Come Ride With Us,

Sammy and Donna



As you know, the Snowball Run is scheduled for Saturday, January 15 at the Embassy Suites in Montgomery. Each chapter is asked to contribute door prizes for this event. If you have contributions, please bring them to our monthly meeting on Saturday (January 8). If you are planning on attending Snowball you may carry the door prize with you to the event.

See you on Saturday.

Sammy and Donna



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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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**albums, Birthdays & Anniversaries, Newsletters,**

**Links, Message Board, & Reminders of Meetings.**

**Chapter N Serves over 450 members in Northeast**

**Alabama.**

## Technical Tips - Low Cost Way to Duplicate a Key For a GL1800 by K. Wilson

Harry Dennis and I have checked with 2 locksmiths, and several other retail outlets that duplicate keys. We have not been able to find a place that carry's a key blank for the Honda GL1800. Harry checked with the local Honda dealer and was told that they could order the key blank for \$16, and the local locksmith would duplicated it for \$2. That would make an \$18 investment in a key.

Harry and I researched and found this article on the internet. The idea is to use the Axxess Key blank #27 from Lowe's or Wall-Mart. Harry went to Lowe's and had his key duplicated to the #27 blank, and it worked perfectly. Harry was pleased that he only spent \$1.25 vs. \$18. He had purchased his motorcycle used, and only received one key, so he was very happy. Note: According to Harry, the #27R blank is not milled past the shoulder and will not operate the fork lock. So, he recommends to use the #27 blank only.

The Axxess 27 works well for the ignition . The Axxess 27R has a plastic bow, and is milled only to the shoulder and not to the bow. The 27R is the same key-way, but it will not operate the ignition fork lock. It will however make an excellent spare key for the gas filler door lock. It will open the gas filler door but not the ignition. Leave this permanently in the gas filler door lock.

Here is another tip: A good place to hide a spare key is under the left glove box. Just remove the 4 body pins, pull up the glove box, and wire tie the key to a sturdy wire harness.

**1/1 – HAPPY  
NEW YEAR.....  
WATCH THE  
BALLGAMES  
AND HAVE A  
SAFE DAY....**

**1/5 – Breakfast** at Poor House 8:30 AM.

**1/7-9 – International Motorcycle Show** at Cobb Galleria Centre Atlanta, GA. Since our Chapter Gathering is on this Saturday, no Chapter ride is planned. Individuals can get together and go on Friday or leave early on Sat. & return in time for the gathering or go on Sunday.

**1/8 – Chapter N** monthly gathering at Western Sizzlin Rainbow City. Eat at 5 & meet at 6 PM.

**1/12 – Breakfast** at Poor House 8:30 AM.

**1/15 - Alabama District Annual "Snowball Run".**

This is also the annual AL District Officers meeting, and will be held again at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Montgomery. To receive the discounted rate of \$89/night, reservations must be made before 12/15/04. Chapter Officers will probably stay overnight, but

# January 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5 BREAKFAST	6	7	8 MONTHLY GATHERING
9	10	11	12 BREAKFAST	13	14	15 SNOWBALL RUN
16	17	18	19 BREAKFAST	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 BREAKFAST	27	28	29
30	31					

the remainder of us can ride down and back the same day. Activities start about 10 AM, so breakfast on your own and depart Cowboys at 7:30 AM. Meet others at the Chevron in Springville and depart at 8:00. I-65 South to Montgomery. The return departure time will be around 3 PM. Dinner as a group on the return trip optional.

**1/19 – Breakfast** at Poor House 8:30 AM.

**1/22 – Dinner Ride** to “TOP OF THE RIVER” in Gadsden. Meet at the restaurant at 5:30 PM.

**1/26 – Breakfast** at Poor House 8:30 AM.

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. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

HAPPY NEW YEAR. MAY ALL OF YOUR WISHES COME TRUE AND MAKE 2005 THE BEST YEAR OF YOUR LIFE.....

We lost a dear friend and 15 year member of our family last Thursday. Our favorite mode of transportation during those 15 years is now a resident of MO. Yes, our beloved trike now resides in Lake Of The Ozarks, MO. She had been advertised on the internet for about 4 weeks, and while driving along I-20 in LA on Dec. 20, I received a call and sold her to a nice family in MO. I agreed to meet them half way and delivered her in Jonesboro, AR at noon on Dec. 30. Good bye Ms Wineberry. You have been a wonderful ride and we're proud to place you in the hands of a very loving couple who will ride you with pride and maintain your current level of capabilities.

The good news is that while passing through Corinth, MS on the way to deliver Ms Wineberry, the world's largest Honda Dealer just happened to be on our route. As we stopped there for a quick restroom break, a white 2005 Gold Wing with ABS sent a powerful signal to my weak brain. On the return trip Friday 12/31, we loaded Ms White into the trailer and brought her home. Last night was her first night in our garage, and she slept better than I did. I think I rode her half the night in my dreams.

Current plans are to ride her on 2 wheels for a while, then convert her to a trike later. Our expected temperature here today on New Year's Day is 70, so needless to say, I must ride her for a while in spite of this sore throat and runny nose.

Happy New Year  
Wayne & Liz Gargus

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**2005 Alabama District "Snowball Run"**  
**January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2005 – 9:00 AM till 2:00 PM**

Embassy Suites Hotel and Conference Center  
300 Tallapoosa Street, Montgomery, Al. 36104  
For Reservations, Phone 1-800-362-2779  
Group Code for Reservations: **GWR**

Free Admission & Year Bar. Head Pin available for small charge

**GAMES: 9:00 AM TO 11:30 AM**

**Grand Prize: Char-Broil 7000 series, 35,000 BTU w/side burner and tank. Set of tires for 1500 or 1800 from Honda of Montgomery. Others TBA**

**Join us for fun and games, door prizes, awards for the rally pin contest, recruiter of the year and Joe Sellers award.**

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