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CHAPTER N GADSDEN, ALA.
 FRIENDS FOR FUN, SAFETY,
 AND KNOWLEDGE

INSPIRATION FOR THE NEW YEAR OF 2007

Jake, the rancher went one day, to fix a distant fence. The wind was cold and gusty; The clouds rolled gray and dense. As he pounded the last staples in and gathered his tools to go, the temperature had fallen; The wind and snow began to blow.

When he finally reached his pickup, he felt a heavy heart; From the sound of that ignition, he knew it wouldn't start! So Jake did what most of us would do, had we been there. He humbly bowed his balding head and sent aloft a prayer.

As he turned the key for one last time, he softly cursed his luck. They found him three days later, frozen stiff in that old truck. Now Jake had been around in life and done his share of roaming. But when he saw Heaven, he was shocked -- it looked just like Wyoming !

Of all the saints in Heaven, his favorite was St. Peter. (Now, this line ain't really needed, but it helps with rhyme and meter) So they set and talked a minute or two, or maybe it was three. Nobody was keeping score -- in Heaven time is free.

"I've always heard," Jake said to Pete, "That God will answer prayer, But one time when I asked for help, well, He just plain wasn't there."
 "Does God answer prayers of some, and ignore the prayers of others? That don't seem exactly square -- I know all men are brothers." "Or does he randomly reply, without good rhyme or reason? Maybe, it's the time of day, the weather or the season."

"Now I ain't trying to act smart, it's just the way I feel. And I was wondering, could you tell me -- What the heck's the deal?!" Peter listened patiently, and when old Jake was done, There were smiles of recognition, and he said, "So, you're the one!!"

"That day! Your truck; It wouldn't start, and you sent your prayer a flying, you gave us all a real bad time, with hundreds of us all trying."
 "A thousand angels rushed, to check the status of your file, But you know, Jake, we hadn't heard from you, in quite a long while." "And though all prayers are answered, and God ain't got no quota, He didn't recognize your voice, and started a truck in Minnesota !"

BETTER KEEP IN TOUCH

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Birthdays:**Anniversaries:**

1-8 Scott Clough

1-8 Gary & Linda Luther

1-20 Calvin & Loretta Loyd

Ride and Event Schedule**About Chapter N**

Chapter N meets for breakfast every Wednesday morning at 8:30 A.M. at the Poor House Restaurant, 12th & Meighan Blvd., Gadsden, AL. Chapter N's Monthly Gathering: 1st Saturday of every month (unless otherwise published below). Eat at 5:00 P.M.; Meet at 6:00 P.M. at Western Sizzlin Restaurant, Hwy 77 just north of Hwy 411, at 209 W. Grand Ave, Rainbow City, Alabama phone: 256-442-5061 .

For more information about Chapter N on the web visit: <http://www.kerrywilson.com/chapterN.htm>
Or email kwilson@kerrywilson.com Kerry & Joyce Wilson, Chapter AL-N Newsletter Editors, and Webmaster. 1-800-57KERRY. Once published, all events will be held, and will not be cancelled due to weather or participation.

GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION ALABAMA CHAPTER N GADSDEN, AL**2007 RIDE AND ACTIVITY PLANNING CALENDAR**

- **NOTE:** Every Wednesday morning breakfast ride to "The Poor House" in Gadsden will continue for all of 2007. Meet at the restaurant on Meighan Blvd. at 8:30 AM.
- A different volunteer Chapter couple will plan all rides/activities for each month for all of 2007. Ride Coordinators will work with you as needed and put your activities into newsletter format. We ask that you also be responsible for either writing an article or short summary paragraph of each activity during your month, or ask others on the rides to assist you in writing articles & taking notes. Ride Coordinators, Correspondence Secretary, or the Chapter Educator can assist you in putting it all together for the newsletter as needed. **VOLUNTEERS FOR 2007 ARE:**

- JANUARY -	Harold/Shari Emery	FEBRUARY -	Ray/Deb Coffen
- MARCH -	Butch/Dianne Harris	APRIL -	Kerry/Joyce Wilson
- MAY -	-	JUNE -	-
- JULY -	-	AUGUST -	-
- SEPTEMBER -	-	OCTOBER -	-
- NOVEMBER -	-	DECEMBER -	-
- **NOTE:** Weekly updates of Chapter activities for the coming weekend will be e-mailed on Wednesday of each week. The Phone Tree Committee will call those who do not have an e-mail address.

JANUARY: (Rides/activities planned by Harold/Shari Emery)

1/13/07 – CHAPTER N MONTHLY GATHERING – (Changed this month due to Snowball) Western Sizzlin in Rainbow City. Eat at 5 PM & the fun begins at 6 PM. www.kerrywilson.com/coosavalleywings.htm

1/20/07 - NO Chapter event scheduled.

1/27/07 – DINNER RIDE/DRIVE TO EL TAPITO, Hwy 77/411 in Rainbow City. Meet at the restaurant at 5 PM. We will enjoy Mexican food on a cold winter evening.

FEBRUARY: (Rides/activities planned by Ray/Deb Coffen) (TENTATIVE)

2/3/07 – CHAPTER N MONTHLY GATHERING – Western Sizzlin in Rainbow City. Eat at 5 PM & the fun begins at 6 PM.

www.kerrywilson.com/coosavalleywings.htm

2/10/07 – ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF – Palisades Park off Hwy 231, two miles North of Oneonta. Make a batch of your best chili and compete with your fellow Chapter members to determine who makes the best. Prizes will be awarded. Everyone is also asked to bring a covered dish(s) to accompany the chili, desserts, other types of foods, etc. Plates, cups, coffee, plastic ware, tea, soft drinks, will be provided by the Chapter. Decorating and set up at 5 PM. Chili judging begins at 5:30 PM followed by eating and hopefully entertainment until 8 PM.

2/13/07 - VISIT A CHAPTER RIDE, CHAPTER Y IN TRUSSVILLE – They EAT at 6 PM and meet at 7 PM at Neighborhood Sports Grill, on Hwy 11 North of I-459. Depart Kangaroo 5 PM, Springville Chevron 5:30 PM, or meet at the restaurant between 6-7 PM.

2/17/07 – DINNER RIDE TO GANNON'S RESTAURANT, HWY 69W OF GUNTERSVILLE

They have a steak special on Saturday nights that's good and reasonably priced. Depart Kangaroo 3:45 PM, K-mart in Albertville at 4:30 PM or meet at the restaurant at 5 PM.

2/23-25/07 – INTERNATIONAL MOTORCYCLE SHOW IN ATLANTA – 2/24 – Meet at Western Sizzlin in Rainbow City for breakfast 6:30 to 7:30 AM. Depart for Atlanta promptly at 7:30 AM local time, which will be 8:30 Atlanta time. Four wheel it if the weather is not favorable for riding. We should get to the GA World Congress Center, 285 Andrew Young International Blvd. NW by 11:30 AM Atlanta time, and will plan to depart at 2:30 PM Atlanta time. Tickets are \$12 for adults and may be purchased in advance at www.motorcycleshows.com We will return through Rome and stop at Fibbers in Cedar Bluff for dinner at 5 PM. Those who don't go to Atlanta can meet us at Fibbers for their great buffet.

2/24/07 – CHAPTER J BIKE SHOW & SWAP MEET – McFarland Mall, Tuscaloosa, AL 9:30 AM – 2 PM. (Those not going to Atlanta should consider supporting Chapter J)

2/24-25/07 – HORIZON'S PROGRAM FOR NEW OFFICERS AND OTHERS - Holiday Inn at exit 246 off I-65 in Pelham, AL. Begins Sat. 8-5 and Sun 8-12.

MARCH – (Rides/activities planned by Butch/Dianne Harris)

3/3/07 - CHAPTER Y FUN DAY - (Pirates of the Caribbean) – Gardendale Civic Center 10AM-1:30PM. Proceeds benefit Camp Smile A Mile.

3/3/07 – CHAPTER N MONTHLY GATHERING – Western Sizzlin in Rainbow City. Eat at 5 PM & the fun begins at 6 PM. www.kerrywilson.com/coosavalleywings.htm

3/15-17/07 – FL DISTRICT RALLY – St. Paddy's Day in Kissimmee at the Radisson Worldgate Resort, 3011 Maingate Lane, Kissimmee, FL 34747. 1-866-705-7676 or 1-407-396-1400. Rates \$79. For more info www.gwrra-regiona.org/~fla/indexfla.html

3/29-31/07 – AL DISTRICT RALLY 25TH ANNIVERSARY – Civic Center Mobile, AL. Ramada Inn across street 251-433-6923, rates \$85. For more info: www.gwrra-regiona.org/~ala/index.html .

** Annual Maintenance Day.

VISIT A CHAPTER RIDE

APRIL – (Rides/activities planned by Kerry/Joyce Wilson)

4/7/07 – CHAPTER N MONTHLY GATHERING – Western Sizzlin in Rainbow City. Eat at 5 PM & the fun begins at 6 PM. www.kerrywilson.com/coosavalleywings.htm

4/14/07 – CHAPTER G FUN DAY – Samson Community Center, 33 E Sellers St., Samson, AL.

4/21/07 – CHAPTER T FUN DAY – Brookwood Elementary School, 10 AM – 2 PM.

PARKING LOT PRACTICE – Kerry, can you get part of the lot at Crosspoint?

VISIT A CHAPTER RIDE

FYI - **4/12-14/07 LOUISIANA DISTRICT RALLY - Holiday Inn Holidome, 800-942-4868. for reservations or www.ladist.org for Rally information.

**FYI – 4/26-28/07 – TN District Rally www.tngwrra.org (At the Grand Hotel again)

**FYI – 4/28-29/07 – National Cornbread Festival, South Pittsburg, TN. www.nationalcornbread.com/index.html

MAY – (Rides/activities planned by

5/3-5/07 – SC DISTRICT RALLY – (A Three Wing Circus) at the Radisson Hotel & Suites, 9027 Fairforest Road, Spartanburg, SC – Rates \$82. 2007 Gold Wing Giveaway. For more info, go to www.gwrrasc.com

FYI – **5/3-5/07 – MISSOURI DISTRICT RALLY - Branson, MO. www.mogwrra.org

5/5/07 – CHAPTER N MONTHLY GATHERING – Western Sizzlin in Rainbow City. Eat at 5 PM & the fun begins at 6 PM. www.kerrywilson.com/coosavalleywings.htm

5/19/07 – FIRST OF TWO ALABAMA DISTRICT PICNICS - Location not determined yet.

VISIT A CHAPTER RIDE

FYI – **5/10-12-07 – Arkansas District Rally Hot Springs, AR.

JUNE – (Rides/activities planned by

6/1-4-07 – GWRRRA 30th Anniversary Parties held by all Regions, Districts, & Chapters.

6/2/07 – CHAPTER N MONTHLY GATHERING – Western Sizzlin in Rainbow City. Eat at 5 PM & the fun begins at 6 PM. www.kerrywilson.com/coosavalleywings.htm

6/14-16/07 – GEORGIA DISTRICT RALLY – The Fabulous 50's and 60's in Rome, GA at the Holiday Inn Rome Skytop Center. 706-295-1100 3-day minimum with full buffet breakfast. www.gwrra-ga.com

VISIT A CHAPTER RIDE

**Americade & Honda Hoot this month??

JULY – (Rides/activities planned by

7/4-7/07 – WING DING 29 – Billings Montana. A registration form is in Wing World or you may register on line at www.wingding.org .

7/14/07 – CHAPTER N MONTHLY GATHERING – (Changed this month due to Wing Ding) Western Sizzlin in Rainbow City. Eat at 5 PM & the fun begins at 6 PM. www.kerrywilson.com/coosavalleywings.htm

VISIT A CHAPTER RIDE

AUGUST – (Rides/activities planned by

8/4/07 – CHAPTER N MONTHLY GATHERING – Western Sizzlin in Rainbow City. Eat at 5 PM & the fun begins at 6 PM.

www.kerrywilson.com/coosavalleywings.htm

8/11/07 - SECOND ALABAMA DISTRICT PICNIC – Location not determined yet.

VISIT A CHAPTER RIDE

SEPTEMBER – (Rides/activities planned by

9/1-3-07 – GWRRA 30th ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL LABOR DAY WEEKEND PARTY - Opryland Hotel, Nashville, TN. (Wing World Magazine or www.gwrro.org for more info.)

9/1/07 – CHAPTER N MONTHLY GATHERING – Western Sizzlin in Rainbow City. Eat at 5 PM & the fun begins at 6 PM.

www.kerrywilson.com/coosavalleywings.htm

9/13-15/07 – REGION A RALLY – Perry, FL www.gwrro-regiona.org

9/16/07 (Sunday) BIRMINGHAM RIDE FOR KIDS 2007 - Pelham Civic Complex, 500 Amphitheater Rd., Pelham, AL 35124. For more information call 800-253-6530 or go to:

www.rideforkids.org

VISIT A CHAPTER RIDE

**Trail of Tears ride

**North Carolina District Rally

OCTOBER – (Rides/activities planned by

10/6/07 – CHAPTER N MONTHLY GATHERING – Western Sizzlin in Rainbow City. Eat at 5 PM & the fun begins at 6 PM.

www.kerrywilson.com/coosavalleywings.htm

VISIT A CHAPTER RIDE

10/11-13/07 – MISSISSIPPI DISTRICT RALLY, (Touring The Tropics) Biloxi, MS. For Hotel info., 888-388-1006, or MS Dist.

Website www.msgwrro.org.

** FL Panhandle Bandit Rally, Halloween Party, Fall Colors Ride,

NOVEMBER – (Rides/activities planned by

11/3/07 – CHAPTER N MONTHLY GATHERING – Western Sizzlin in Rainbow City. Eat at 5 PM & the fun begins at 6 PM.

www.kerrywilson.com/coosavalleywings.htm

11/12/07 (MONDAY) ANNUAL AL DISTRICT VETERANS DAY PARADE IN BIRMINGHAM.

DECEMBER – (Rides/activities planned by

12/1/07 – CHAPTER N ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY/MONTHLY GATHERING –

**Christmas parades,

SPECIAL NOTES: Don't forget our annual New Year's Day ride on Tuesday 1/1/08. Also the 2008 annual Snowball Ride and Officer's Conference is on Saturday 1/5/08 at ____??

Annual Chili Cook-Off February 16 at Palisades Park near Oneonta.

February 10-17-2008 – GWRRA 30th Anniversary Caribbean Cruise from Miami, FL.

RIDES AND EVENTS WHICH CAN BE CONSIDERED BY MONTHLY PLANNERS:

FOR NATIONWIDE MOTORCYCLE EVENTS, GO TO: www.lets-ride.com/ridesevents.htm.

*A large Flea Market is held the third weekend of every month March through November, at Tannehill Iron Works Historical State Park in McCalla. 2007 will be it's 34th year so it's always a big one. More than 300 vendors participate each weekend. There is no charge other than regular park admission; \$3 for adults, \$2 for Seniors 62 and older, and \$1 for children 6 to 11. The event is Saturday and Sunday from 8 AM to 4 PM. The new Furnace Master's Restaurant in the park is now open from 11 AM to 9 PM Tuesday-Saturday and breakfast is available on Saturday and Sunday beginning at 7 AM.

2. It's always good to visit other Chapters monthly gatherings. Consider planning "visit a Chapter" to one of them. For the meeting schedules go to www.alabama.gwrro-regiona.org & click on Chapter meetings. Click on individual chapters if hi-lited for their website.

3. Fall colors ride.

4. Tsalagi Trails Ride in Clay County. (Wayne has a brochure) Good day ride with breakfast in Gadsden and possibly a dinner ride on the way back where others can meet us.

5. Tennessee District Rally in Pigeon Forge, TN, last weekend in April, Grand Hotel in 07

6. Region N Rally in May in Maggie Valley, NC.

7. NC District Rally in Sept. in Fletcher, near Ashville.

8. Corn Bread Festival last weekend in April in South Pittsburgh, TN

9. Ride to Jack Daniels brewery in Lynchburg, TN
- 10.
11. Visit other Chapters Fun Day's.
12. Charity Pig Roast in Gadsden in June? Support David Santos efforts here.
13. Mystery rides.
14. Picnic rides.
15. Sunday afternoon rides after Church.
16. Pie rides. Late afternoon during the hottest summer months is a good time.
17. Moonlight rides in the hottest summer nights.
- 18.
19. Weekend overnight rides.
20. Ride to the Gulf for Shrimp and/or Seafood Festivals.
21. Ride to local festivals. Find them at www.alabama.com
22. Progressive dinner ride.
23. Halloween Party.
24. Dinner Rides each month. Some to consider listed below. You are encouraged to pick places you like and places the Chapter has never been before. Be sure they can accommodate the number of people you expect on the ride.
 - a. Top of the River Gadsden and/or Guntersville
 - b. Big Bob Gibson's BBQ Decatur
 - c. Pas'Ghettis in Rainbow City (Italian)
 - d. El Tapito in Rainbow City (Mexican)
 - e.
 - f. Irondale Caf ; home of fried green tomatoes. (check hours and days they are open)
 - g. Al & Mick's BBQ in Snead
 - h.
 - i. Logan's Steak House in Gadsden.
 - j. Uncle Sam's BBQ in Gadsden or Oneonta
 - k. O' So Good BBQ in Oneonta.
 - l. Red Lobster (Check for advertised specials such as Shrimp Fest, etc.)
 - m. Cicici's Pizza or other pizza restaurant.
 - n. Top Hat BBQ on Hwy 31 S near Garden City.
 - o. One of the locations voted in 2004-05 as having the best hot dogs in AL (Wayne has the listing. Also has a listing of the top 5 locations with the best Wings in AL.)
 - p. Pick one from the 2005 brochure "100 dishes to eat in AL before you die." (See Wayne)
 - q. Holiday Inn Restaurant in Guntersville. Specialty on Fri. & Sat. is Prime Rib & according to Harry Dennis is excellent. Other menu items available and overlooks Guntersville Lake. All reasonably priced.
 - r. Western Sirloin on left coming into Moulton
 - s. Moulton Stockyard Steak House on 157 in front of the Stockyard. Fresh steaks.
 - t. Johnny Ray's BBQ (Not the B'ham chain) on Hwy 278 West of downtown Cullman.
 - u. Bobby's Catfish Rest. on Hwy 55 W. of Eva, AL. Good pies, shrimp, etc. too.
25. Day ride to "Fields Of The Woods." Religious shrines & a beautiful place to visit. Located East of Chattanooga.
26. Cave Springs, GA Ride. Could have a lunch picnic or a late afternoon picnic followed by a ride. There is a beautiful park at the spring for the picnic and there is a Creekside Restaurant beside the park along the creek bank. Could also be a lunch or dinner ride to the restaurant followed by a tour of the spring and park if a picnic is not desired. It's about an hour ride from Gadsden going north on 411. Also several places in Center (on the way) to get a picnic lunch if desired; such as KFC/Taco Bell, Super Wal-Mart deli, Subway, Sonic, etc.
27. The Steak House near Rockmart, GA (Depart 3 PM-opens 4:30 Eastern time)
28. Saturday Night Dirt Track Car Racing at Talladega Short Track - Cost in 06 \$9/person. Every Sat. night. Lots of fun to watch them spin around the track slinging mud. Dirt tracks becoming very popular again so plan a dinner ride close to the track and let's have a fun Saturday night.
29. For tall ice cream cones, or heaping dishes of ice cream, go to Cleveland, AL on Hwy 79/231 at Pardue's restaurant. It's on the right heading north. Get your ice cream in the C-Store beside the restaurant and you can go inside the restaurant to eat if desired.

A SAFETY MATTER TO KEEP IN MIND WHEN PLANNING RIDES:

Whenever possible, plan rides to go primarily in a direction so that the sun is to our backs. Not always possible we know, but just something to keep in mind. When the glare of the sunshine is directly in your face, it's very difficult to see objects in the roadway and other hazards like animals alongside the road. Being safe is our number one priority.

SAFETY IS AN ATTITUDE – GET A GOOD ONE; YOUR LIFE DEPENDS ON IT.

Chapter N Safety Article – January 2007- By Wayne Gargus, Chapter Educator

WE RIDE – WE ASSUME RISK (By Rhonda Stiles from National News Nov/Dec 06)

We all assume a certain level of risk when we ride our motorcycles. Our main concern is usually the 4000 pound SUV crossing in front of us at an intersection and the driver being oblivious to our existence as they chat on their cell phone. That being said, another risk motorcyclists encounter is the Road Hazard. Road hazards are obstacles such as speed bumps, potholes, debris, road kill etc. How can we effectively prepare and react to such hazards? Think back to school for a second and refresh yourself on the Motorcycle Safety Foundation's SEE method. What is SEE? Search, Evaluate, Execute. If you use the searching and evaluating effectively, this can help you avoid the obstacles you may encounter in the roadway.

- Practice your quick-reaction counter steering in a parking lot. Soda cans may be used as make believe obstacles, and as you get close, practice your quick obstacle avoidance counter steer to swerve around the object without braking. The idea being that the bike is agile and can avoid an object.
- DO NOT TAIL GATE THE VEHICLE IN FRONT OF YOU. If there was a 2 X 4 in the road and you were too close to the vehicle in front, you would not effectively see the hazard in time to avoid it. If it was something larger such as road kill, it might result in an accident or damage to your GW.
- If you have time to react and you are unable to avoid the object, be sure to slow as much as time and traffic will permit. Approach the obstacle at a 90 degree angle, including when you encounter RR tracks that are offset or have uneven pavement. Rise slightly off the seat and shift your weight rearward, as you ease off the throttle. Why? You don't want power applied to the rear wheel when it encounters the object. If it was a hard impact, you should pull over and check for damage.
- For handling live critter avoidance, if you see it and have time to slow down, do so. Be mindful of traffic behind you. With dogs, it is best to slow, then if the dog is making a b-line for you, increase throttle. For deer, this is the worst case, it is best to slow as much as possible until you are past. Remember, deer seldom travel alone.
- Here is a related obstacle avoidance tip. When it first starts to rain, oil dropped from vehicles becomes a huge object. That oil rises to the top of the rainwater and makes for a very slippery condition. Be mindful of where you put your foot down and place your tires.

In conclusion, these are some basic obstacle avoidance tips we hope you will remember, practice, and use as appropriate. *It is not the number of years that you have ridden a motorcycle; it is your experience and skillful use of the machine that really matters.*

FRIENDS VS. BIKER FRIENDS: Friends will say "hello". Biker friends will give you a big hug. Friends have never seen you cry. Biker friends cry with you. Friends will eat at your dinner table and leave. Biker Friends will spend hours there, talking, laughing, and just being together. Friends know a few things about you. Biker friends could write a book. Friends will knock at your door. Biker friends will walk right in and make themselves at home. Friends are for a while. Biker friends are for life.....

RIDE WITH THE EYE OF AN EAGLE



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GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION **SOUTHEAST REGION A, ALABAMA DISTRICT** **ALABAMA CHAPTER "N"**

2007 ALABAMA SNOWBALL RUN – NOMINATION FOR “JOE SELLERS AWARD.”

Our nominee for this prestigious award is one that exemplifies it's criteria to the fullest. We all have medical problems from time to time, and this nominee has had her share. For years she has walked with a limp and apparently in pain, but you would never know it from the constant smile on her face. You never heard her complain, and whatever was suggested, she never said NO I can't do it. Wherever their Gold Wing would go, seldom was the co-rider seat unoccupied by her.

In 2006, it became obvious to her that she must follow the advice of her Doctor and give in to total knee replacement surgery he had previously recommended. Most of us would give in and say “OK Doc. Go ahead and cut on me.” But for her, there was more to consider. With Wing Ding being in Nashville in 2006, she vowed that the surgery would not happen prior to Wing Ding. True to her word, she was there and didn't miss a step walking all over the huge Opryland Hotel complex and enjoying Wing Ding activities. Pain was overcome by determination and love for her GWRRA family of friends.

Then in August, 2006, she finally said “OK DOC, I'M READY.” Surgery was successfully performed and the painful recovery and physical therapy began. Her Physical Therapist' were amazed at her determination to get that new knee of steel working properly. She exceeded their expectations and was far ahead of most patients in her recovery efforts and degrees of bending the new knee. Though painful, she cried and kept on bending it more and more at each session. That determination paid off, because after 3 weeks, she was back in the saddle riding the Gold Wing to our Chapter's weekly breakfast. She was even attending Chapter events on crutches prior to that.

That's not the end of the story. Three months following that surgery, she was back in the hospital to have total knee replacement surgery on THE OTHER KNEE. Once again, her strong will and determination excelled, and recovery efforts were again exceeded. The week following that surgery, she was back at our breakfast meeting with the aid of a walker. She progressed to a walking stick in a short time and now, although still walking with a slight limp unassisted, she's back at 100% participation in GWRRA events. She would not give up her annual Friday after Thanksgiving shopping with her 2 daughters, and after only 2 weeks from a 2nd knee replacement, she was walking in the mall. By the time the 2007 riding season is in full swing, we expect other Chapter members to have problems keeping up with her.

We in Alabama Chapter N affectionately refer to her as our “**BIONIC LADY.**” Our nominee for the 2007 Joe Sellers award, is none other than our lady of steel, **ALICE COLE.** We love you Alice.



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