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**FRIENDS FOR FUN, SAFETY,  
 AND KNOWLEDGE**

**MARCH 07 EVENTS SUMMARY** by Butch/Dianne Harris

On Sat. 3/3, nine of us attended Chapter Y’s fun day. We won lots of door prizes. Not to mention names, but one lady won 14 prizes and was seen riding home holding a 2 ft. baby doll. She was worried that all of the other prizes wouldn’t fit in the bike, so they filled up the trunk and bags and she still had to hold the baby. Brian White won a very nice Joe Rocket Jacket. Dewey won one of the every 30 minute give-a-ways of \$50. Wayne won a gift certificate for a steak and everyone in attendance won something before they stopped giving away prizes. Thank you Chapter Y for a well organized and fun event. We had a great time. Following the fun day, we returned to Gadsden for our monthly gathering. Wouldn’t you know it.....that lucky JoAnn LaRue won a door prize cake. How did you manage to take the cake and two foot baby doll both home JoAnn?? What a sight that must have been. And....speaking of lucky, Shari Emery won both 50-25-25 drawings of \$25 each. Does this luck have anything to do with living in Snead??

Sat. 3/10 was the Chapter’s annual maintenance day at our home. We had 17 in attendance and there was food, food, more food, plenty of drinks, and on top of all that, it was a beautiful day. The men worked on several bikes checking everything from brakes to whatever needed to be checked or adjusted. Oil was changed, bikes washed, and a good time was had by all. It was good to see Deborah Estes again. She arrived on her bike with a flat rear tire. What a great place to have a flat if you must have one. Butch removed a large nail, plugged the hole, and had her ready to go in no time. Following the eating and working, a long enjoyable bull session began, that is if you were able to remain awake. Some were seen napping. Sorry you missed a good time if you were not there.

Our visit-a-Chapter ride this month was to Chapter B in Huntsville on Tues. 3/13. Fourteen Chapter N folks made the trip to Ryan’s on Hwy 231 on the South end of Huntsville. We rode up via Hwy’s 278 and 231. It was a great meeting and were we ever a close group. The Rest. Mgr. booked another group and took up half of their regular meeting space, but we just squeezed in and made the best of it. Dewey and Alice each won a door prize of the same kind of special drinking cup, and I (Dianne) won a 4lb tub of cookie dough. T.R. won half of the 50-25-25 (\$40) but he wasn’t interested in trading his dough for my cookie dough. In fact he specified “no deal.” Coming back we rode Hwy 431 south through Guntersville, Albertville, Boaz etc. to conclude a safe and fun trip home.

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4-24 Emalee Entrekin  
 4-26 Cliff Ausborn  
 4-30 Betty Fuller  
 5-1 Lisa Entrekin

4-18 David & Lisa Entrekin  
 4-29 Mickey & Cathey Durham

## 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, 12<sup>th</sup> & Meighan Blvd., Gadsden, AL. Chapter N's Monthly Gathering: 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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.

- **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. We will ride following breakfast according to the wishes of attendee's. **LETS RIDE....**
  - 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 Coffen | FEBRUARY - Ray/Deb         |
| - MARCH - Butch/Dianne Harris         | APRIL - Kerry/Joyce Wilson |
| - MAY - Terry/Barbie Cleveland White  | JUNE - Bryan/Leslie        |
| - JULY -                              | AUGUST -                   |
| - SEPTEMBER -                         | OCTOBER -                  |
| - NOVEMBER - <b>(VOLUNTEERS)</b>      | DECEMBER - <b>(NEEDED)</b> |
- **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.

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

**4/7/07 - BLUE KNIGHTS ALABAMA VIII & CULLMAN CYCLE CLUB POKER RUN & BIKE SHOW.**

Let's ride over to Cullman and support this event prior to our Monthly Gathering this evening. Two options for breakfast or eat on your own & meet at one of these locations at the prescribed departure time, or meet us in Cullman.

1. Breakfast at Western Sizzlin Rainbow City 6 AM - 6:45. Depart promptly at 6:45 AM.  
 Ride 278W beyond Snead to Rainbow Café at the junction of 278 & 231.

2. Breakfast at Rainbow Café, Hwy 278 & 231 6:45 AM – 7:30. Depart promptly at 7:30 when the Gadsden group arrives. Continue 278 W to Cullman.

In Cullman, the location is behind The Sport Center, 114 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave SW. Registration begins at 8 AM but the first bike out is not until 9:30 AM. The poker run route will be approximately 60 miles around scenic Smith Lake. Ride fee is \$15 for the bike and \$5 for a passenger. Bike show entry is \$10 per bike and winners determined by the public. More info 256-255-5007 or [www.blueknightsal8.com](http://www.blueknightsal8.com) We'll return in time for our monthly gathering at Western Sizzlin.

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](http://www.kerrywilson.com/coosavalleywings.htm)

4/14/07 – VISIT A CHAPTER RIDE AND DINNER RIDE - **First, we'll visit Chapter R** in Sylacauga for their breakfast meeting. Depart Kangaroo 7 AM and ride I-59 S to Ashville, exit 166. Turn left on Hwy 231 toward Ashville and meet others at the Shell station in downtown Ashville at 7:30. Continue 231 S to Hwy 280 E to Mama Ree's restaurant on the left side of Hwy 280 in Childersburg. Following the "R" gathering, we will ride more or return to Gadsden according to the wishes of the majority. **Next for our dinner ride**, depart Kangaroo 3 PM to **The Steak House near Rockmart, GA.** We went there last year and everyone enjoyed their great steaks, so let's do it again. Harry Dennis will plan the routes for us.

4/21/07 – CHAPTER T FUN DAY – Brookwood Elementary School. Meet at Western Sizzlin in Rainbow City at 7 AM for breakfast and depart there at 8 AM. This is the Chapter that has so many musicians, and it's always a musical fun time with lots of laughs and live entertainment. Also 50-25-25, food, drinks, games, door prizes. We'll get Harry Dennis to plan us a good route to and from Brookwood, which is North of Tuscaloosa.

**\*\*FYI - 4/12-14/07 LOUISIANA DISTRICT RALLY** - Holiday Inn Holidome, 800-942-4868. for reservations or [www.ladist.org](http://www.ladist.org) for Rally information.

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

**\*\*FYI – 4-20-23** – Fourth annual Honda Superbike Classic at Barbers Motorsports Park. Special viewing area and a prize for HRCA members.

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

**\*\*FYI – 4/28-29/07 – National Cornbread Festival**, South Pittsburg, TN.

[www.nationalcornbread.com/index.html](http://www.nationalcornbread.com/index.html)

**MAY** – (Rides/activities planned by Terry & Barbie Cleveland) (Tentative)

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](http://www.gwrrasc.com) . We will discuss at the April meeting if anyone from N is going.

5/5/07 - VISIT A CHAPTER RIDE – Are you up to an early morning ride? Let's visit Chapter K in Florence. They have a breakfast meeting to eat at 8 AM and meet at 9 at the Underwood Community Center, 840 County Rd. 7 in Florence. That means we'll have to depart Kangaroo at 6 AM, **Snead BP (NOTE CHANGE IN MEETING PLACE AT SNEAD)** at 6:30 AM and boogie to Florence for breakfast and their monthly gathering.

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](http://www.kerrywilson.com/coosavalleywings.htm)

5/12/07 – FIRST OF TWO ALABAMA DISTRICT PICNICS - Roland Cooper State Park near Camden. It looks like approximately 3 ½ hours from Gadsden & events start at 10 AM. Remember, this is a fund raising event for AL Chapters, and for every Chapter N person who attends, we will get back the \$5 meal purchase price for our Chapter. Breakfast on your own and **depart Kangaroo 6:00 AM & Springville Chevron at 6:30 AM.** I-59 S to I-459 S to I-65 S to Clanton. Hwy 22 S to Selma, Hwy 80 E to Hwy 41 S to the park just North of Camden. Remember, the more that go, the more money we bring back for Chapter N.

5/19/07 – Dinner ride to Pas'Ghetis in Rainbow City. Meet at the restaurant 6 PM for some good Italian food. Located 2 blocks NE of Western Sizzlin. Great food.

5/26/07 – Touring around Guntersville and North AL with GWRRA friends from SC. Details will be in the May newsletter.

## MARCH 07 EVENTS SUMMARY by Butch/Dianne Harris (Continued from page 1)

The next day 3/14, two Chapter N couples and 1 couple from Chapter B, departed for a trip to the FL District Rally in Orlando. We spent the first night in Perry, FL, picked up another couple from MS, Pat & Gregg Harrison, the MS District COY's, and proceeded on to central FL. The Harrison's are really nice people and we enjoyed their company. We arrived about 12:30 PM on Thurs., got registered, and went to I-Hop for lunch. It rained some Thurs. afternoon, but that didn't stop most attendee's from going through the vendor area. That evening at the ice cream social, they had both Karaoke and live entertainment. When a lady from the FL Panhandle who frequently sings Loretta Lynn songs in talent shows, started singing "you ain't woman enough to take my man", our devious Thelma and Louise just happened to be sitting in front of Region A Directors, Larry and Patty Lingo. Well our "floosies" just couldn't resist the urge. They got up and started dancing and rubbing all over poor Larry so much that his face turned beet red. When Larry saw them coming he knew what they were up to but couldn't escape from their evil plans. They had the entire room laughing uncontrollably, but when it was all over, we could tell Larry enjoyed every minute of it. We played games on Fri. & I won 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the poker run and I won a nice U.S.A. leather vest. That evening at the Talent Show, Alice and I won 2<sup>nd</sup> place by singing our version of "Bobby's Girl" to FL District Director Bob Schrader. It was also his birthday and like Larry, he enjoyed every minute of our attention. (Ask Alice to show you their pictures, green hair and St. Patrick's Day costumes included) On Sat. Alice won 3 door prizes and we really had a great time making new friends and visiting long time friends. We are thankful for the good weather and a safe trip in spite of the fact it got a little cool coming home. We arrived home about 9 PM on Sunday 3/19. Long day and we all had TB (tired butts).

Next on 3/17 was our planned Mystery Lunch ride and a visit to the Unclaimed Baggage Store in Scottsboro. Don Sheridan was the only one to show up at Kangaroo but he decided to ride on to Albertville anyway. Waiting patiently at K-Mart was Wayne, not feeling well and 4-wheeling.

At the listed departure time no one else showed up so the 2 of them went across the street to the Waffle House for coffee and a coke. I guess no one else wanted to brave the cold weather and shop, so these 2 faithful ones returned home. The good news, it was a scheduled event and we had 2 participants.

Sat. 3/24 was our dinner ride to the Light House in Boaz. Butch and I are sorry we planned such a good location for dinner and couldn't make it. BUT, when our good friends Ray and Deb Coffen offered us a free expense paid trip to Las Vegas with them which Ray won through his work, what else could we say but "not yes, but H... yes, we'll go." So that's where the 4 of us were. That all happened after the March rides had been planned. We were so happy to hear that 19 folks enjoyed great steaks and seafood. We'll have to go back soon.

OH BOY!! It's AL District Rally time, and this year is the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the AL GWRRA. Dewey/Alice & Rick/Laura departed on Wed. 3/28 and others departed Kangaroo at 7 AM on Thursday 3/29 bound for Mobile, AL. We had a total of 2 from Kangaroo, picked up 7 others in Springville, and 2 other couples met us on I-459 in Birmingham, for a total of 7 Gold Wings with 13 people heading south to Mobile. Skip Kittrell was just ahead of us on Thursday and Calvin, Marie, & Kenneth arrived later that evening, giving us a total of 21 people from Chapter N. The ride down was great with a cool start but by mid morning, we began to shed some of our layers of clothing. We arrived around 2 PM, checked in, and were ready to "rally." Harold received a surprise with a room bill of \$4,000; he must have booked for the entire Chapter... That settled, next stop was registration and a visit to the vendors. Thursday evening was the ice cream social, a crazy hat contest, and the lighted bike show. Alice and I entered the crazy hat contest but neither of us placed. There were lots of ugly hats and even a few ugly heads under them. Ha ha.. Along with the ice cream, we enjoyed a piece of 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary cake. TR & Michelle started stacking the empty ice cream cups on our table which became a huge attraction. Before it was finished, the stack included spoons, empty water bottles, napkins, etc. Harold even stole the 2 clusters of balloons from the table with the Anniversary cake, to make our stacking display more attractive. Lots of pictures were taken. The light show was then presented inside the civic center, but some were disappointed that there were only 7 entries. Following the Thursday grand prize drawing for a set of tires, it was time to return to our rooms. None of us won anything but it was a very enjoyable evening.

Friday breakfast for some was the continental at the hotel while others went out for a "real" breakfast. Then it was back to the civic center and vendor area with more searching for safety chrome. Later in the morning, it was Dewey's turn to sit in the dunking booth for 30 minutes. Terry with his excellent baseball arm, helped Dewey stay down most of the time. A fee of \$5 for 3 baseballs was charged and the money was for a 50-50 jackpot. They raised a total of \$1,120 with this event on Friday and Saturday and some lucky person won \$610 at closing ceremonies. Later in the morning, Wayne, Harold/Shari, and Terry/Barbie went on a very scenic 125 mile ride across Battleship Parkway to Spanish Fort, then followed alt 98 south along the bay roads through Daphne, Montrose, Fairhope, and Point Clear before re-connecting with hwy 98 into Foley. From there they went South to Gulf Shores and over to Ft. Morgan where they boarded the ferry to Dauphin Island. It was windy and the water was white capping but no one got seasick; although Barbie came close. She said "once is enough." They returned to Mobile in time for Wayne and Terry to each have 2 dozen raw oysters during happy hour at Wentzel's Oyster Bar (25 cents each). Yum Yum. Now don't knock it if you haven't tried it. Personally, I'll take their word that they are good.

Some of us went on the Dinner Cruise Friday afternoon. The boat took us around the Mobile dock area and we saw one of the large cruise ships in dry dock. Amazing how they do that. The seafood on the boat was good as well as other scenery. Friday evening the District treated us to a hamburger/hot dog supper so naturally we couldn't resist a free meal. All of the food, drinks, chips, etc. were excellent. Thanks Bill/Diane and staff. You "done" good.... The talent show was Friday evening and Alice & I had to dress up in our "floozy" outfits. On the way to the civic center, we met Wayne and he offered each of us \$20 for a good time. We have a picture of us with him & we're holding up the \$20 bills. Talk about blackmail material.... All in fun folks... No pun intended... We had our pictures made so many times that evening they thought we looked like "real hookers." The talent show had some excellent entertainment. We were disappointed that we didn't win 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> place, but Chapter Y in B'ham won first place and I don't remember the Chapter that won 2<sup>nd</sup>. Alice and I did our skit to the tune of "Mr Lee" and our Guinea Pig was non other than Mr. Jim Lee himself. Dewey forgot to take a picture of us performing. He said it was Butch's fault for not reminding him. We just can't depend on these men for anything.... We had live entertainment before and after the talent show with a dance floor set up which attracted many of our wingers. Another set of tires was given away but once again, no winners from Chapter N. Dang it... That concluded another fun filled day.j

Saturday, Chapter N was responsible for classifying and setting up bikes for the bike show, with Rick and Laura leading this effort for us. This year it was a people's choice to determine winners in each class. Terry won 2<sup>nd</sup> place in his class and our friend George Glen won 1<sup>st</sup> place with his mini wing (scooter). Scrapbook & Mascot judging also took place on Sat. and Alice did such a good job for us on the scrapbook, she won 1<sup>st</sup> place. Way to go Alice. Chapter F in Montgomery won 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Deb Coffen will be our scrapbook coordinator from now to AL Rally time next year. She will need lots of pictures along with other items and ideas from all of us. Let's pitch in and help her to win another 1<sup>st</sup> place for N. I entered a new mascot for us this year. It was a little Mardi Gras bear which came in 2<sup>nd</sup>. Chapter G in Samson won 1<sup>st</sup> place.

At closing ceremonies Sat. evening, the Mobile Mardi Gras Kings and Queens with escorts paraded around the civic center for us. Their gowns are so beautiful with many costing up to \$20,000 each. This is a very beautiful sight and was the largest ever gathering of all of the Kings and Queens in one place at the same time. The Mobile Register (Newspaper) was invited to attend and write a story, but I guess we're not good media material. Everyone who worked during the rally was given one "worker bee" ticket for each hour worked, and Shari won free registration for next years AL Rally as did Calvin and Marie. Kenneth Blansit also received a plaque as the youngest co-rider. The final drawing of the evening was for grand prizes of \$500, \$1,000 and \$2,500. When the ticket number 0772 was called for \$2,500, I jumped up and screamed because it belonged to non other than "my man" Butch. I love you Butch.

We think it was a great rally and everyone seemed to have a good time. There was never a dull moment for sure. Next year's AL Rally will be back in Mobile and guess what the grand prize will be?? *A NEW 2008 GOLD WING.*

In conclusion, we have some fantastic news for Chapter N. *TERRY AND BARBIE CLEVELAND HAVE AGREED TO BE OUR CHAPTER COUPLE OF THE YEAR (COY) FOR 2007-2008.*

Thanks you two for stepping up and agreeing to represent our Chapter. We know you will make us all proud. Chapter Y's COY will represent the State of Alabama at this years Region A Rally in Perry, FL Labor Day Weekend. Butch and Dianne Harris

News from The Ogden House:

I just wanted to let you know how things are going at The Ogden House. They helped over 2500 youth. The youth came from our surrounding counties, Etowah, Jackson, Madison, Blount and of course, Marshall. That was just in the year of 2006. Personally, I hope the numbers drop this year.

Our youth do many community services. Such as helping the elderly, by raking their yards, or just sitting with them on Saturday afternoons. Or, maybe even taking them to play Bingo; which usually happens every Saturday afternoon. They also clean the sides of the roads, around the courthouse and out in the county.

Our youth also attend church services on Sunday mornings, then get to spend the afternoons with their families.

Our youth are always in need! So, if you could possibly make a contribution to Tennessee Valley

Family Services. It WOULD be gratefully be appreciated. Also, we always NEED socks (girls & boys) and always clothes for boys. Thank you for your continued support!!! The Youth are our Future!

-Deb Coffen

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

Chapter N Safety Article – April 2007 – By Wayne Gargus, Chapter Educator

**“WHAT IF”** Have you ever thought seriously about what you should do in various emergency situations? Forethought about what to do in driving and riding situations can save your life, so let’s play a little “what if” game and discuss each one.

1. **What if** you are involved in an accident and you did not fasten your seat belt?
  - Driver ejected from vehicle and killed in rollover accident. Sound familiar?
2. **What if** you run off the roadway onto the shoulder or median?
  - Vehicle rolls several times after skidding on the shoulder.
  - Vehicle sliding out of control crosses the median striking an oncoming 18 wheeler.
3. **What if** a deer suddenly runs from the woods heading toward you?
  - Deer crashes through windshield of a car seriously injuring 4 people.
  - Deer causes motorcycle crash. Deer did not survive, rider seriously injured.
4. **What if** you are cruising down the Interstate with cruise control set and it starts raining?
  - Car hydroplanes out of control causing 10 vehicle pile-up.
  - Motorcycle trike hydroplanes, rolls across median into oncoming traffic.
5. **What if** you see a vehicle coming at you traveling in the wrong lane?
  - Car strikes 18 wheeler head on while traveling in the wrong lane.
6. **What if** you come over a hill and a car is across the road requiring you to make a panic stop?
  - You do not have ABS brakes. You do have ABS brakes. Or do you even know?
7. **What if** you are approaching a vehicle with it’s left turn signal on?
  - A woman in Kansas makes a left turn in front of a motorcycle, killing the rider and co-rider. She pleads no contest to a charge of “failing to yield the right of way.” Her penalty? A \$60 fine and \$117 in court cost.
  - A man in Wisconsin makes a left turn in front of a motorcycle killing the rider and co-rider. Two riders are dead and he pays less than \$200 in fines and court cost.
  - A woman in Michigan pulls away from a stop sign into the path of a M/C killing the rider. She’s charged with negligent homicide but in a plea bargain, will likely face nothing more than probation. (All 3 of the above from AMA Magazine April 2007)
8. **What if** the vehicle directly ahead of you suddenly makes a panic stop? Can you stop in time?
  - Two vehicle crash on hwy 431 injures 4 during heavy rain.
9. **What if** someone is following too closely behind you? Or do you even know the car is there?
  - Without slowing down, tap your brake lights, turn on your emergency flashers, or if neither works, slow gradually to encourage the other driver to pass you. As a last resort, turn into a business location or onto another road.
10. **What if** you observe another driver applying makeup, reading a map, reading a book, yelling at kids in the car, displaying signs of road rage and reacting to another driver in front of you?

We’ll discuss each of the above 10 “what if’s” at the April Chapter Gathering, but when is a better time to actually think of these and many other situations you might encounter while driving or riding your Gold Wing? While driving or riding down the roadways of course. There are always many moments of silence as you travel and we constantly encounter “close calls” or situations that could have been a close call. That’s your clue to give those situations serious thought and decide what would have been your best course of accident avoidance as they happen.

**RIDING SAFELY IS AS EASY AS ABC.....ALWAYS BE CAREFUL &  
RIDE WITH THE EYE OF AN EAGLE**

### **SPECIAL NOTE: WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO TAKE A TRAINING COURSE?**

Here’s an example from the April 07 AMA Magazine. “When I took the MSF Rider Course, the instructor really hammered into us that the most important factor in safety was being constantly aware of your riding environment. Just a few months later as I was traveling down a 4-lane highway at 45 mph, I was in the left lane to turn left a short distance ahead. Directly in front of me was a truck piled high with junk. The training came to mind immediately and I thought to myself that maybe I should back off a bit. Not 10 seconds later, a giant gas grill came tumbling off the truck directly into my path. There was heavy traffic to my left and right. Because I had time to react, I was able to stop safely and avoid a catastrophe. Had I not backed off, I couldn’t have avoided a crash.”  
*A good example of how staying alert helps you to stay alive.*

*ALABAMA TRAFFIC SAFETY CENTER MOTORCYCLE SAFETY TRAINING PROGRAM FOR MOTORCYCLES, SPRING 2007.*

[www.montevallo.edu/atsc](http://www.montevallo.edu/atsc) At this website, click on the motorcycle program for more information, registration form, etc.

**BEGINNING RIDER COURSE (BRC)** – Visit the website above for complete details or see Wayne.

**EXPERIENCED RIDERS COURSE (ERC)** schedule is as follows:

April: 14 at Montgomery, 4/14 at Madison County, 4/28 in Dothan, & 4/28 in Jacksonville.

May: 05 at Montevallo, 5/12 at Tusculumbia.

June: 16 at Dothan, 6/23 at Madison County.

Price is \$80 and course times are 8 AM to 2 PM. See Wayne if you need assistance. Additional courses will be scheduled this fall and at many District and Region Rally's as well as Wing Ding.

### WHY YOU NEVER QUESTION A DRUNK

I was shopping at the local supermarket where I selected:

A half-gallon of 2% milk,

A carton of eggs,

A quart of orange juice,

A head of romaine lettuce,

A 2 lb. can of coffee, and

A 1 lb. package of bacon

As I was unloading my items on the conveyor belt to check out, a drunk standing behind me watched as I placed the items in front of the cashier.

While the cashier was ringing up the purchases, the drunk calmly stated,

"You must be single." I was a bit startled by this proclamation, but I was

intrigued by the derelict's intuition, since I was indeed single. I looked

at the six items on the belt and saw nothing particularly unusual about

my selections that could have tipped off the drunk to my marital status.

Curiosity getting the better of me, I said: "Well, you know what,

you're absolutely right. But how on earth did you know that?"

The drunk replied, "Cause you're ugly."

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR CELL PHONES AND YOUR MEDICAL INFO.

**ICE (In Case of Emergency)** – If involved in an accident, one of the first thing the Medics look for is your cell phone. If you have ICE in your telephone directory, they will have the numbers you specify to call. This is very simple and easy to program. Just as you would program a name and phone #, ICE wife – 999-999-9999, ICE son – 000-000-0000, ICE neighbors, etc. Program in as many as you desire.

**EPI (Emergency Patient Information)** – This is a free service which will get you a credit card sized I.D. card with a Rescue Login number. Medical personnel can key this number into a computer and your personal information is immediately available to them. This could save your life where time is of extreme importance. Go to [www.myepi.net](http://www.myepi.net) From this website you can complete a form which will include your important personal medical information. Upon completion, you can print a temp. EPI card and will receive a plastic one in the mail. All of this is free of charge. One is recommended for each family member. Don't have a computer? Go to a friend who does and ask them to assist you.

### WORDS

6 MOST IMPORTANT WORDS – I admit I made a mistake.

5 MOST IMPORTANT WORDS – I am proud of you.

4 MOST IMPORTANT WORDS – What is your opinion.

3 MOST IMPORTANT WORDS – If you please.

2 MOST IMPORTANT WORDS – Thank you.

1 MOST IMPORTANT WORD – We.

LEAST IMPORTANT WORD-----I

### "OUR" GWRRA CHAPTER N

OUR MEMBERS are the most important people in this Chapter

OUR MEMBERS are not dependent upon our officers; we are dependent upon them.

OUR MEMBERS are not an interruption of our duties; they are the purpose of it.

OUR MEMBERS do us a favor when they call. We are not doing them a favor by serving them.

OUR MEMBERS are a major part of our Chapter's survival. They are not outsiders.

OUR MEMBERS are not cold statistics. They are flesh and blood human beings with feelings

And emotions like our own.

OUR MEMBERS are not someone to argue or match wits with.

OUR MEMBERS are people who bring us their wants; it's our duty to fill those wants.

OUR MEMBERS are always deserving of the most courteous and attentive treatment.

OUR MEMBERS are the very life-blood of this entire GWRRA organization.

## *Chapter Gatherings*

**CHAPTER A: MOBILE 1ST WEDNESDAY EAT 6:00 PM, MEET 7:00 PM , MORRISON'S CAFETERIA, 3200 SPRIGDALE PLAZA, MOBILE CD MAX & KATHY TANNER 251-973-1978**

**CHAPTER B:HUNTSVILLE, 2ND TUESDAY 6:30 PM TO EAT, 7:00 PM TO MEET, RYAN'S 10017 S. MEMORIAL PKWY, HUNTSVILLE, SCD MIKE & CINDY JANES 256-721-0598**

**CHAPTER C: BIRMINGHAM, 1ST SUNDAY 8:00 AM SHONEY'S GARDENDALE**

**CHAPTER D: ANNISTON, 1ST THURSDAY EAT 6:00PM, MEET 7:00, WESTERN SIZZLIN, HWY 78 OXFORD CD GEORGE & DOROTHY GLENN 256-820-2060**

**CHAPTER E: ANDERSON, 2<sup>ND</sup> MONDAY EAT 6:30PM , MEET 7:00PM , FISH CREEL, HWY 207 ANDERSON, AL CD RAY & GLENDA PHILLIPS 256-247-5879**

**CHAPTER F: MONTGOMERY, 1<sup>ST</sup> THURSDAY 6:00 PM TO EAT, 7:00 PM TO MEET CHAPPY'S 8139 VAUGHN ROAD MONTGOMERY CD TOM & BERNADETTE MECHLER 334-584-7121**

**CHAPTER G: SAMPSON, 1<sup>ST</sup> TUESDAY , 7:00 PM TO MEET CHINA KING ENTERPRISE DOYCE COLVIN 334-774-5036**

**CHAPTER H: TANNER, 3<sup>RD</sup> SATURDAY, BREAKFAST AND MEET 8:00 AM MCKINNEY'S RESTAURANT, HWY 31 & BROWNSFERRY RD, TANNER, AL CD PAUL NEELY 256-216-1026**

**CHAPTER I: DECATUR, 4TH TUESDAY, 6:00 PM TO EAT, 7:00 PM TO MEET BARNHILL'S BUFFET, HWY 67 (BELTLINE) DECATUR, AL CD RICK & SUSAN TALMADGE 256-773-9624**

**CHAPTER J: TUSCALOOSA, 1ST FRIDAY, 6:00 PM TO EAT, 7:00 PM TO MEET, RUMORE'S DELI TUSCALOOSA, AL CD JOHNNY & JEAN KOONTZ 205-339-5781**

**CHAPTER K: FLORENCE 1<sup>ST</sup> SATURDAY 8:00 AM TO EAT, 9:00 TO MEET, UNDERWOOD COMM. CENTER 840 COUNTY RD 7, FLORENCE, AL CD JAMES & DEBBIE WILEY 256-766-1863**

**CHAPTER L: MONROEVILLE, 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY, 2:00 PM TO MEET DAIRY QUEEN CD TONY & LISA CLARK 251-743-3147**

**CHAPTER M: OPELIKA/PHENIX CITY, 1ST SATURDAY, 6:00 PM TO EAT, 7:00 PM TO MEET, BONANZA, HWY 280/431, PHENIX CITY, CD CRAIG/CAROL HARRISON 334-291-3234**

**CHAPTER N: GADSDEN, 1ST SATURDAY 5:00 PM TO EAT, 6:00 PM TO MEET, WESTERN SIZZLER, HWY 77, RAINBOW CITY, INFO: 1-888-218-6711 OR 256-546-2811**

**CHAPTER O: FAIRHOPE, AL 2<sup>ND</sup> WEDNESDAY, 6:30 PM TO EAT, 7: 00 PM TO MEET, FIVE MOUNTAIN RESTAURANT I-10 EXIT MALIBIS, AL CD DAN SUTTON 251-957-1718**

**CHAPTER Q: MILLBROOK 2<sup>ND</sup> MON EAT 6:30, MEET 7:00, SHONEY'S HWY 231 WETUMPKA CHARLES SMITH 256-896-4192**

**CHAPTER R: 2ND SATURDAY EAT 8:00 AM, MEET 9:00 AM MAMA REE'S HWY 280 SYLACAUGA, AL CD HERMAN BURNEY 256-207-1299**

**CHAPTER T: WOODSTOCK, 3RD FRIDAY 6:00 PM TO EAT, 7:00 PM TO MEET, PLAZA CAFE, EXIT 100, I-59, RIGHT ON HWY 216W, WOODSTOCK CD WILIAM & GLENDA LEE 205-553-6255**

**CHAPTER U: DOTHAN, 2ND TUESDAY, EAT 6:30PM , MEET 7:00PM, GOLDEN CORRAL, DOTHAN, ROGER LETT 334-744-2749**

**CHAPTER Y BIRMINGHAM 2<sup>ND</sup> TUESDAY EAT 6 PM, MEET 7PM NEIGHBORHOOD SPORTS GRILL HWY 11 NEAR I-459 TRUSSVILLE, CD DON & LINSDA MOSLEY 205-531-4631**

**CHAPTER Z PRATTVILLE, 2<sup>ND</sup> THURSDAY EAT 6PM , MEET 7PM, TYAN'S STEAKHOUSE COBB'S FORD ROAD, PRATTVILLE, AL CD JOHN & CATHY SHUMWAY 334-358-0472**

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