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

COMMENTS FROM THE CD, BUTCH & DIANNE HARRIS,

On the morning of June 25<sup>th</sup> Dewey, Alice, Dianne and Butch left on vacation.

It's wonderful to be blessed with friends you can be with 24/7 for 22 days. We have lots of memories and saw some amazing countryside.

We started our journey visiting the Corvette plant, then on to Ft. Knox (where Dewey had spent two years of his life), then off to the Louisville Slugger plant. Then we headed to Iowa where we toured a small town called Amana Colony, saw the Governor's Mansion named Terrace Hill, went to Madison County to see the covered bridges and Clint Eastwood, also saw the house where John Wayne was born. Dianne and Alice walked thru a tall shrubby maze and found their way out with no help. Oh yes, be careful of the corn you eat this summer, especially if it is from Iowa. Some corn got strange water.

When we got to Nebraska we called Wayne to find out what town the District Rally was held in. Off we went. Met some new Gold Wing friends. Then off to Wall Drug for some good cold water and nickel coffee. We visited Mt. Rushmore, Crazy Horse, Custer State Park and on thru Wyoming to Billings, Montana. We put in 8 hours at the ticket booth with our Alabama GWRRRA family and earned a Sheriff Badge. We had a great time while we were working, seeing lots of familiar faces. Then we were on the road again.

We made it to Yellowstone. We entered at the Northeast corner, known as Beartooth Pass. WOW, is the only way to describe it. We witnessed Old Faithful shooting up into the sky. What a sight.

We saw lots of buffalo, elk and donkeys. Also saw a Snowshoe Rabbit, a Coyote, Dull Sheep, Pelicans and a couple of Road Runners.

At Jackson Hole, Wyoming we saw Air Force II airplane. The Vice President had been home for the weekend.

We visited lots of National Parks: Yellowstone, Grand Canyon, Grand Teton, Bandelier (cliff dwellers), Mount Rushmore, Bryce Canyon and Zion Canyon. Saw the horrible fires they are having in Utah.

Our weather was great. Temperatures ranged from 51\* to 102\*. We all stood in 4 states at one time at 4 Corners and we spent the night in Roswell, New Mexico and checked out the Aliens.

To sum it up we were in 19 states, traveled almost 6,000 miles in 22 days. We have lots of pictures to show everyone.

But the best part of the vacation was the good time we had with our friends. Butch and Dianne Thanks for the MEMORIES we will have for a LIFETIME. (Submitted by Dewey and Alice Cole)

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## Ride and Event Schedule

### About Chapter N

Chapter N meet for breakfast every Wednesday alternating between the Poor House Restaurant at 12<sup>th</sup> & Meighan Blvd. in Gadsden and Sarah's on Hwy 278 at the Blount/Etowah County line. Chapter N's Monthly Gathering is normally on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month unless otherwise published below. We eat at 5 PM and a short fun meeting starts at 6 PM at Western Sizzlin Restaurant, Hwy 77 Just North of Hwy 411, at 209 W. Grand Ave., Rainbow City, AL. For more information about Chapter N, visit our website at <http://www.kerrywilson.com/chapterN.htm>.

### Ride Schedule

**AUGUST** – (Rides/activities planned by YOU, coordinated by Wayne).

**8/1/07 – (WEDNESDAY) – BREAKFAST** Sarah's on Hwy 278 at the Blount/Etowah line 8 am.

**8/4/07 – SATURDAY – WANDERER PLAQUE GRAB.** Chapter Y is offering the plaque at Palisades Park near Oneonta from 4:30-6:00 PM in the D.S. Lloyd Lodge. It's the 3<sup>rd</sup> lodge as you drive through the park on the one way street. Chapter Y is providing free Pizza, drinks, & dessert, and will award the plaque at 6 pm. Then it's Karaoke and 50-50 Bingo from 6 to 9 pm. Remember the criteria for the plaque is number of Chapter members who ride to the meeting X miles from our meeting place to their meeting place, not at the grab site. Therefore, our miles to Y's meeting site is only about 50 miles, so we need everyone to make a special effort to be there. We've made some good money twice before and our Chapter needs more, so please do your part and come have what appears to be a fun filled Saturday evening.

**8/5/07 – SUNDAY \*\*CHANGED THIS MONTH ONLY\*\* 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) **NOTE:** Another party is booked in the room Sunday afternoon so if you arrive early, you will not be able to get into the meeting room. Also, we have lots of new members in Chapter N and Wayne will be reviewing group riding safety.

**8/8/07 – WEDNESDAY – BREAKFAST** at the Poor House in Gadsden 8 AM.

**8/11/07 - SECOND ALABAMA DISTRICT PICNIC** – Tannehill State Park in McCalla. BREAKFAST at Cracker Barrel on Hwy 77 in Attalla 7-8:00 AM. Depart Kangaroo at 8:15 AM & stop at Springville Chevron at 8:45 AM for anyone waiting there. I-59 to I-459 to Exit 1 to the park. REMEMBER, we bring back \$5 for every Chapter N member who attends.

**8/15/07 – WEDNESDAY – BREAKFAST** – 8 AM Sarah's Hwy 278 at Blount/Etowah line.

**8/17/07 – FRIDAY - VISIT A CHAPTER RIDE TO CHAPTER "T" IN McCALLA.** [www.alchaptertgwrra.org](http://www.alchaptertgwrra.org) They eat at 6 and meet at 7 at Plaza Restaurant in Bucksville, ¼ mile West off exit 100 on I-59. Depart Kangaroo 4 PM, Springville Chevron 4:30 PM and continue South on I-59 to I-459 to I-20/59 to exit 100 and go West ¼ mile. They have visited us several times and we've never returned the favor, so all who can, please ride with us and support these great folks.

**8/22/07 – WEDNESDAY – BREAKFAST** – 8 AM at the Poor House in Gadsden.

**8/25/07 – NEW 4 HOUR CPR COURSE** – Cost is only \$5/person to process cards. It will be taught by Skip Kittrell & a fellow Fireman George Duncan at Station 8 in Hoover or Station 7 in Inverness, depending on the number of attendee's. The class will be taught from 1 to 5 PM. A 2<sup>nd</sup> class for First Aid is planned for October 27 at the same location and same cost. These are the newest updated courses and everyone is encouraged to attend. *Depart Kangaroo 11 AM, Springville Chevron 11:30 AM and we'll stop for a quickie lunch prior to the class.*

Following class on 8/25, we will have a **DINNER RIDE TO THE FISH MARKET ON HWY 280.** Anyone not attending the class can meet us at the restaurant, 5407 Hwy 280 in Hoover at 5:30 PM for dinner.

**8/29/07 – WEDNESDAY – BREAKFAST** – 8 AM Sarah's Hwy 278 at Blount/Etowah line.

**8/31/07 – FRIDAY – SONIC NIGHT ICE CREAM SOCIAL AT 7 PM IN BOAZ** – Depart Kangaroo at 6:15 PM or meet at Sonic on Hwy 431 in Boaz. Cool moonlight ride afterwards according to the wishes of attendee's.

**SEPTEMBER** – (Rides/activities planned by YOU and coordinated by Wayne) (Tentative)

**9/1-3-07** – GWRRA 30<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL LABOR DAY WEEKEND PARTY - Opryland Hotel, Nashville, TN. (Wing World Magazine or [www.gwrro.org](http://www.gwrro.org) for more info.) This is also combined with the Region N Rally and registration for both events is only \$10. Please advise Butch or Wayne if you would like to go so a Chapter ride can be planned.

**9/1/07** – CHAPTER N MONTHLY GATHERING – Western Sizzlin in Rainbow City. Eat at 5 PM & the fun begins at 6 PM.  
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**9/7/07** – **(FRIDAY)** VISIT A CHAPTER RIDE TO J IN TUSCALOOSA – They eat at 6 & meet at 7 at Rumore’s Deli in Tuscaloosa. Depart Kangaroo 3:30 PM & Chevron in Springville at 4 PM so we can get through Birmingham before the main rush hour.

**9/8/07** – DINNER RIDE – The Steak House near Rockmart, GA. We went there last year and everyone thoroughly enjoyed it. It’s one of those out of the way places with excellent food. They open at 4:30 PM Eastern time and to avoid a long wait we need to have an early dinner. Depart Kangaroo promptly at 2 PM Central time. We will take Hwy 278 East from Gadsden. We’ll take a scenic return route home via Hwy 100 North to 411 South at Cave Springs and stop somewhere along the way for ice cream.

**9/13-15/07** – REGION A RALLY – Perry, FL 4-H Fairgrounds RT 19 [www.gwrro-regiona.org](http://www.gwrro-regiona.org) Let Butch or Wayne know if you are going so departure times can be arranged.

**9/15/07** – TRAIL OF TEARS RIDE – Anyone not going to the Region A Rally can ride up to Chattanooga, TN or to Madison, AL & join the group coming in from Chattanooga as they make a rest and lunch stop. They expect 150,000+ bikes. The ride departs Madison at 11:30 AM. You can ride with them to McFarland Park in Florence where the ride ends and the fun and partying begins. Lots of entertainment, vendors, Native Indian dancing, demonstrations, etc. If you do not want to go inside the park, you can break away from the ride in the Florence area and ride back toward home. Contact Wayne for additional information. Or [www.trailoftears-remembrance.org](http://www.trailoftears-remembrance.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](http://www.rideforkids.org). This is a great event and deserves our full support. Are you going??

**9/21/07** – SONIC NIGHT ICE CREAM SOCIAL AT SONIC IN RAINBOW CITY 7 PM.

**9/29/07** – Chapter B in Huntsville Fun Day. More information next month.

\*\*North Carolina District Rally 9/20-22 [www.gwrro-nc.org](http://www.gwrro-nc.org) for additional information.

\*\*13<sup>th</sup> Annual “Wings Across Tennessee” to St. Jude Children’s Hospital in Memphis, TN. Ride starts in Bristol, TN 10 AM EDT 9-14, overnight at Ramada Inn in Dickson, TN, & depart 8 AM on 9-15 with a refueling stop in Jackson, TN.

#### COMMENTS FROM THE CD, BUTCH & DIANNE HARRIS 8-07

Breakfast on July 4<sup>th</sup> was back at the Poor House for the first time in a month. Sheri and the crew were glad to see the small group of 8 present. Afterwards, 3 bikes with 5 people rode up to Henagar, AL to a Potato Festival. They came back by the Unclaimed Baggage Store in Scottsboro where Don Pigott found a riding partner. Ask him about his new co-rider.

Thanks to Wayne for conducting the meeting on 7-7 for us. There were 36 present and visitors included family members of Leslie White, Steve/Cindy Garrison, & Sammy/Donna’s son Michael who came by to eat. Also a prospective member Allan Cox joined us and said he had been looking for someone to ride with and would be back. Roy and Shirley Allen told us briefly about their trip to Alaska, and Alice called just before the meeting started to give them an update on the rambling foursome who were in Yellowstone Park. A food list was passed around for our upcoming Chapter picnic on 7/21 and another list to sign up for the new CPR & First Aid courses being arranged and taught by Skip Kittrell & a fellow fireman George Duncan on 8/25 & 10/27. Ray & Deb coordinated the distribution of our new Chapter shirts and collections. The shirts really look good. Bruce Hunt’s name was drawn for the 50-50 roll over and he was not present, so the jackpot of \$28 was rolled over to the August gathering. Door prizes were won by Dorothy Glenn & Steve Garrison and the 50-25-25 drawings of \$28.75 each were won by Leslie’s daughter-in-law, Amy Lee, and James Carter.

The breakfast crowd on 7-11 was sparse with only 3 attending due to the rain. No complaints though. We need the rain. Also on 7-18 there were only 11 attending breakfast at Shoney’s. All indications are that the majority would rather go back to the Poor House every Wednesday.

This month’s dinner ride to Top Of The River in Guntersville was attended by 12, including our newest member Allan Cox. The wait was a bit discouraging and service was slow, but the food was excellent and several commented that food was better than at their Gadsden restaurant. Ray and Deb brought the new T-shirts for those not at the July meeting.

We arrived home from our trip West with Dewey/Alice on Tuesday 7-17. Alice is writing an article on the trip and will be in a newsletter soon.

The Sonic Night ice cream social on Friday evening the 20<sup>th</sup> was attended by only 3 couples. The rain was long gone but only Butch and I, Dewey & Alice, were there to enjoy the good food.

Thanks so much to Steve and Cindy Garrison for providing an excellent place at their home for our Chapter picnic. Steve's dad lives with them and was in very critical condition at the time, but they didn't want to cancel the picnic. We had 22 present which was a bit disappointing since this was an effort to give something back to the Chapter Members for the support you have given us this year during our tenure as your CD. Kerry & Joyce came in their boat bringing their family plus Joyce's sister and her husband from Iowa. We got to see Josh & Kacey's baby who was passed around to the ladies.

At the Wed. 7-25 breakfast, it was decided that future Wed. breakfast will be alternated between the Poor House and Sarah's on Hwy 278 at the Blount/Etowah County line. Therefore, on 8-1, we will meet at Sarah's, then on 8-8 back to the Poor House and continue alternating to each every other week. The schedule will be included in the Rides & Events section of future newsletters to help you keep up with where to go on Wednesdays.

Bryan White attended the Road Captain's course on Saturday 7-25 and was unfortunately the only Chapter N member who went. He said it was a great course and Frank & Linda did an excellent job. They had 14 bikes for the road portion of the training. Bryan also had a very scenic ride back stopping at The Purple Onion in Trussville to eat. Thanks Bryan for your dedication to safety.

Wayne was also the only Chapter N Member to ride to Locust Fork on Hwy 79 along with 60 other bikers from the CMA and Patriot Guard Riders, to a memorial presentation of the Silver Star Award to a home town hero who threw himself onto a concussion grenade and saved the lives of 4 fellow soldiers. Wayne said it was a very touching ceremony which included two U.S. Congressmen and other dignitaries. At the end, a large U.S. Air Force refueling plane stationed in Birmingham on it's way to Guam on a medical mission, took the time to fly over the football stadium in honor of this fallen hero. Unfortunately, one Patriot Guard Rider from Prattville who was just minutes away from the memorial site, lost his life due to a head on collision with a pickup truck on County Hwy. 13. Details of the accident are not known at this time.

Harold & Shari decided to plan an impromptu ride to Big Bob Gibson's BBQ in Decatur on Saturday evening, so after calling & inviting everyone, Harold/Shari, Butch/Dianne, Wilkie & Judy, Don Pigott, & Sammy Conn headed toward Decatur. At the intersection of Hwy 67 & 69, a huge dark black cloud indicated rain was ahead, so no sooner than we pulled under the canopy of a station there, the bottom fell out. After about 15 minutes, the rain slacked but it still looked very rainy toward Decatur. Butch remembered a restaurant nearby that the Chapter went to many years ago (we can't remember the name), so it was decided to give it a try. What a wonderful surprise we got...The catfish and shrimp were excellent and they had Karaoke too, but no, I didn't sing. We barely got a table it was so crowded, and everyone enjoyed it so much that we're going to ask Wayne to schedule a dinner ride there soon, if we can ever remember the name. We thought we had missed the rain....but guess what.....between Snead and home, the bottom fell out again and we got soaked. No problem though....we needed the rain too bad to complain...

We'll close this month with a quote from PFC Johnathon Millican, who was the recipient of the Silver Star Award presented to his family in the memorial described above. He sent this to his family shortly before he was killed in Iraq on January 20, 2007 & it's getting national attention.

*"YOU DON'T HAVE TO LOVE THE WAR, BUT YOU HAVE TO LOVE THE WARRIOR."*

Butch & Dianne Harris  
CD AL Chapter N

## August 2007 District News

*I understand a number of our Bama folks had a great time at Wing Ding in Billings and spent some time afterwards enjoying the West. Sire wish we could have been there with you, but it was not possible this year. How about our Region "A" couple? Jake & Joanne Jacobs from Florida was selected as the new International COY in Billings. Next time you see them, let them know we are proud of them for their representation of Region A.*

*On July 8<sup>th</sup>, we lost a long time member and a friend to all who knew him. F.T Sanders lost his battle with cancer at 12:20 am on Sunday morning. He is a Member of God's Chapter now. F.T was a great inspiration to me as well a large number of other people. He always had a smile and a kind word no matter how he felt. His funeral was on Wednesday morning, July 11<sup>th</sup>, in Florence. We furnished a Gold Wing escort top his final resting place in Colbert memorial Garden. There were in excess of 70 Gold Wings from as far away as Mobile. Faye asked me to thank each of you that were able to attend visitation and/or ride in the escort. If there is anything good about the loss of a friend like F.T., it's the knowledge that he will not suffer for a long period of time with the awful disease that we know as cancer. This terrible disease in one-way or another has affected most all of us. I pray that a cure can be found in the near future.*

*Remember the picnic in the north will be at Tannehill Park where we had it last year. We will be using a different pavilion this year where there is more room. The date is August 11th. The Region A Rally is in Perry Florida again this year, September 13-*

15. *Hope to see you there. GWRRRA 39<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party is at the Gaylord in Nashville Sept. 1-. This will also be the Region N Rally. Registration is only \$10.00 for both events. We hope to make it for at least one day.*

*We are still in the process of moving. Thank the Lord that we can do it gradually and not in a rush. I'm still trying to figure out what to move and what to throw away!*

*Please keep our Military people and our country's leaders in your prayers, as well as those who are sick or recovering and those who have lost loved ones recently.*

*Till next time, hug someone you love and don't forget to wave.*

## Bill & Dian

P.S. This just received from Larry Lingo, Region A Director. Three more motels are available in Perry, FL for the upcoming Region A Rally Sept. 13-15. (1) Gandy Motor Lodge – 850-584-4947 – has been remodeled. (2) Royal Inn – 850-584-7565. (3) Chaparral Inn – 850-584-2441 – new owners & improvements. **ALSO....**The Executive Inn has been sold, and if you have rooms reserved there, you need to call and confirm your reservations – 850-584-4221.

From Jim & Karen Lee, A/DD and Rally Coordinators.

Hi Folks,

Have you told any one about the Alabama Rally this last month? Have you passed out any flyers? Each and every one of us need to get behind this rally to make it a success. This year we have a great deal planned. In the next few years we plan to make our rally the centerpiece of Region A by providing the most fun, a great selection of vendors and the best prizes. This doesn't happen overnight but we are headed in the right direction.

The participation in the dunking booth and the fact that we gave away almost \$600 to someone that dunked someone last year has made us determined to bring that back. Start thinking of whom you'd like to see in the booth that will attract those that might throw a few balls at them. We will need volunteers once again.

Jim Hubbard put on a great show after the talent show last year and we plan to have him and our dance floor back again. Between the talent show and Jim Hubbard we will once again allow the chapters to come up and promote their events for the year.

We enjoyed the hamburgers and hot dogs on Friday afternoon. In 2008 we plan to provide barbeque instead. It will be at the same place but the grills will be cooking all night.

Thursday night is reserved for the lighted bike show, ice cream social, chapter challenge and we plan to give away a major door prize. In the past we have given away tires but we will see what we come up with.

This year we are providing you the opportunity to go on Swamp Tours. These tours will take you out on the backwaters of the bay on an air boat for about an hour where you will see places and hopefully wildlife that you would not get to see otherwise.

Saturday we will once again have the poker run where we will give away \$150 for the best hand and \$75 for the second best hand.

Because of time you do not have to ride the course but a course will be provide if you want to take a self guided tour.

Friday we will have a guided tour for those that would like to take a look at the area. Local walking tours will be handed out. There are 10 museums within walking distance and 8 are free.

Again we will be providing Trike and ERC courses. They were filled last year and I expect no less this year. We are the only District Rally in Region A that provides this to members. The cost is \$50 but out of that you receive a free lunch and a partial refund. Now that is a good deal.

Over the years I have continuously heard why don't we give away a Gold Wing. I have even asked the question. At this rally with the help of A & B Honda we will. That means we have purchased it even if we don't get the ticket sales to cover the cost. Other Districts sale up to 30,000 tickets when they raffle off their bikes. They use the Gold Wing as a fund raiser. That is not our intent. We only want to break even and will award the bike to only those that are fully registered and are present at the time of the drawing. (Closing ceremonies). This is for you and those that attend our rally. I heard of at least one CD that has suggested his chapter members put away at \$20 a month for tickets. Think about it, you wouldn't miss it and it would certainly increase your chances to win a \$17000 motorcycle.

The four hotels we have set up are receiving reservations. The Malaga has two rooms left, and the Admiral Semmes and Ramada are booking up but still have rooms. If you have any problem let me know where I can address it. We are working on increasing our block at the Admiral Semmes. The Howard Johnson has plenty rooms we can add if we need to. Should we fill up those hotels I have another prepared to supply us discounted rates as well.

We have on site camp sites available for self contained campers. The price is \$30 per night and that includes water and electricity. Go ahead and get your registration in soon. It helps us in our planning.

We hope to see you in Perry FL.

Jim & Karen Lee

## FOR SALE ITEMS

Fold up type motorcycle trailer that hauls one M/C. It has a ramp and a front tire chock when the M/C is loaded onto it. It folds up to about ½ size and will stand up flat on a separate set of wheels and can be rolled up against a wall in your garage. Owner recently pulled it to Atlanta empty and brought back a Yamaha V Star. It pulls very easy and you don't even know it's back there. Sold new for \$1,200, will sell for \$800. Call John Townsend at 256-381-9444 M-F 8 to 4 or 256-810-1362 any other time.

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

### Chapter N Safety Article – August 07 – By Wayne Gargus, Chapter Educator

From Chapter B Newsletter: **MYTH:** *Drivers Don't Care About Motorcycles*

It may seem hard to believe at times, but other drivers almost never actually want to hit you. Most of those near misses come about because they don't always know you are there, even when you are right in front of them, seemingly in plain view. You can be obscured or completely hidden by glare, by other things on or along the road, by the cars roof pillars, the handicap hangtag, or by other traffic. Of course, not all drivers "think motorcycles" and make the effort to look that extra bit harder to see if there might be a motorcyclist hidden by that obscuration or in their blind spot.

Instead of assuming that they will ignore you even when they see you, you should help make it easier for drivers to spot you, especially as the population ages and more drivers have greater difficulty in picking you out. To overcome the fact that you might be hard to see and harder to notice, wear bright colors, especially on your helmet and jacket. Run your high beam during the day. Think about things that can hide you and your bike from other drivers. Things that can be as common as the sun behind you, the car ahead in the next lane, or a couple of roadside poles that line up on the driver's line of sight toward you. Make an effort to ride in or move to a location where drivers with potentially conflicting courses can see you before they stray your way. (end)

#### **VATICAN ISSUES SOME DRIVER'S COMMANDMENTS**

Yes, it's true. The Vatican, taking a detour from its usual pronouncements on faith and morals, recently issued a set of "Driver's Ten Commandments" in an effort to promote greater traffic safety. The commandments were part of a document "guidelines for the Pastoral Care of the Road," published by the Pontifical Council for the Pastoral Care of Migrants and Itinerant People.

Noting that some 35 million people were killed in traffic accidents over the course of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, often due to "downright stupid and arrogant behavior by drivers or pedestrians," the document proclaims the need for a "road ethics" based on "theological, ethical, legal, and technological principles."

According to the guidelines, driving is a matter of virtue. And remember, it's a privilege, not a right. Charity requires drivers to "allow someone who wishes to drive faster to pass. Prudence forbids the use of cell phones behind the wheel and justice "requires that drivers have a full and precise knowledge of the Highway Code." The document also recommends praying on the road, in particular the Rosary, "which, due to its rhythm and gentle repetition, does not distract the driver's attention."

#### **DRIVER'S TEN COMMANDMENTS**

1. You shall not kill.
2. The road shall be for you a means of communion between people and not of mortal harm.
3. Courtesy, uprightness and prudence will help you deal with unforeseen events.
4. Be charitable and help your neighbor in need, especially victims of accidents.
5. Cars shall not be for you an expression of power and domination, and an occasion of sin.
6. Charitably convince the young and not so young not to drive when they are not in a fitting condition to do so.
7. Support the families of accident victims.
8. Bring guilty motorists and their victims together, at the appropriate time, so that they can undergo the liberating experience of forgiveness.
9. On the road, protect the more vulnerable party.
10. Feel responsible towards others.

The guidelines also said "the duty to have vehicles serviced should be respected." (end)

#### **FOUR WHEELS MOVE THE BODY - TWO WHEELS MOVE THE SOUL. (Continued)**

- Bikes parked out front mean good chicken-fried steak inside.
- Gray-haired riders don't get that way from pure luck.
- There are drunk riders, There are old riders, There are no old, drunk riders.
- Thin leather looks good in the bar, but it won't save your butt from "road rash" if you go down. (For Gold Wings it's the Ice Cream Parlor)
- The best modifications cannot be seen from the outside.

- Always replace the cheapest parts first.
- You can forget what you do for a living when your knees are in the breeze.
- Patience is the ability to keep your motor idling.
- Only a biker knows why a dog sticks his head out of a car window.
- Keep the paint up, and the rubber down.
- There are two types of people in this world, people who ride motorcycles and people who wish they could ride motorcycles.
- Never ride faster than your guardian angel can fly.
- It is good to have an end to journey towards; but it is the journey that matters in the end.
- Ride as if your life depended on it.
- Bikers eat more bugs.

#### AN IMPORTANT LESSON IN LIFE

Always remember those who serve you:

In the days when an ice cream sundae cost much less, a 10 year old boy entered a hotel coffee shop and sat at a table. A waitress put a glass of water in front of him. "How much is an ice cream sundae?" he asked. Fifty cents, replied the waitress. The little boy pulled his hand out of his pocket and studied the coins in it. "Well how much is a plain dish of ice cream?" he inquired. By now more people were waiting for a table and the waitress was growing impatient. "Thirty-Five cents," she brusquely replied. The little boy again counted his coins. The waitress brought the ice cream, put the bill on the table and walked away. The boy finished the ice cream, paid the cashier, and left. When the waitress came back, she began to cry as she wiped down the table. There placed neatly beside the empty dish were two nickels and five pennies. You see, he couldn't have the sundae because he had to have enough left to leave her a tip.

#### FOOD FOR THOUGHT

- Are you an active GWRRA member; the kind that would be missed, or are you just content that your name is on the list?
- Do you attend the rides and mingle with the flock, or do you stay at home to criticize and knock?
- Do you take an active part to help the Association along or are you satisfied to just belong?
- Do you push the cause along and make things really tick, or leave the work to just a few and talk about their clique?
- Think this over friends; you know right from wrong, Are you an ACTIVE GWRRA MEMBER or do you just "belong"?

#### NEW GEORGIA LAWS EFFECTIVE 7-1-07

(Thanks to George Glen)

Please be aware of the following new driving laws that the police will be ticketing drivers for. Most will not issue warnings for these offenses.

1. Misuse of the carpool lane – First time \$1,068.50; 2<sup>nd</sup> is doubled, 3<sup>rd</sup> is tripled, & 4<sup>th</sup> is license suspension. Thereafter, the driver may be jailed.
2. Incorrect lane change \$380.00. Don't cross the lane on solid lines or at intersections.
3. Blocking an intersection \$485.00.
4. Driving on the shoulder \$450.00.
5. Cell phone use in a construction zone fine doubled as of 7-1-07.
6. Passengers over 18 not using a seatbelt – Both passengers and drivers will be ticketed.
7. Speeders can only go 3 MPH above the speed limit.
8. DUI = JAIL – Stays on driving record for 10 years.
9. Cell phone use must be "hands free" while driving. Ticket is \$285.00.

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## *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, PRATVILLE, AL CD JOHN & CATHY SHUMWAY 334-358-0472**



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