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APOLOGY

Sorry to those who didn't get recognized here for their birthday. I need help to get minor areas like this formatted on an on-going basis. **HELP OUT PLEASE**

COMMENTS FROM THE CD, Butch & Dianne Harris

On Oct. 4, 7 of us attended Chapter D's meeting in Oxford. It was the official "passing of the torch" from George and Dorothy to Rick & Elaine Lackey. Bill and Dian Gulley were there to present a plaque to George for his dedicated service and Chapter D presented a nice clock to Dorothy for putting up with George. Our thanks to George & Dorothy for the many years of their participation and friendship with us, and our congratulations to Rick & Elaine. You've got some "BIG" shoes to fill and we wish you all the best.

Oct. 6 found 23 of us starting the day in Hokes Bluff at the "Cruisin' For A Cure" to benefit the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. We had 8 bikes entered in the bike show and several were 4 wheeling it for the day. There were over 300 participants in the bike & antique car show, arts, crafts, & food vendors. Our own Carolyn Sheridan was a vendor selling her magnetic jewelry. It was a beautiful and relaxing day enhanced by the goodies provided by Alice & Dianne. We had to depart early, so we don't know who won any of the awards. NEXT we were off to Sarah's for the Wanderer Plaque Grab and our Monthly Gathering. There were 91 present with Chapter A arriving in force with 23 all the way from Mobile. With that many people and miles, they took the Wanderer to it's new home in Mobile. Some of them came up on Friday and our own Pat McNew was kind enough to lead them on a ride around North AL including Little River Canyon, with a lunch stop at "Beans and Greens." The Mobile folks were very complimentary of Pat and thoroughly enjoyed the tour. We thank you too Pat since most of us were busy at the Breast Cancer Benefit. We also had people from Chapters Y, D, H, & K and our District Directors, Bill & Dian Gulley. We appreciate all of you coming. The 50-50 drawing of \$222.00 also went back to Mobile in the pockets of Jim Lee. We hope he bought ice cream for everyone on the return trip home. Also included in the Mobile group were old friends Lurch & Kitty Miller and Jack & Kathy Perkins, Alabama's first District Directors.

Our monthly gathering started immediately following the awarding of the plaque and as hard as we tried to convince everyone the meeting would be very short, and we had a table full of nice door prizes, none of them were willing to stay with us. So we continued and Deb Zentner won the "N" 50-50 roll over jackpot of \$66.00. I didn't make a note of who won the 50-25-25, but Shirley Allen, Alice Cole, & James Carter won door prizes. Dian Gulley requested that if we had door prizes left over we bring them to Snowball and/or the District Rally which we will do. Thanks to everyone who contributed the door prizes. They are appreciated.

Oct. 11-15 was the MS District Rally in Biloxi and Deb Coffen is writing an article on that trip.

We had our Halloween Party on the 20th at Snead City Park with 30 attending, with some very weird looking ones among them, but that didn't apply to Terry & Barbie's granddaughter who was dressed in a little witch costume. So is so precious. Steve & Cindy Garrison took 1st place dressed in their "Harley" riders attire even including missing teeth which they said they ate. Keith & Chelley Alverson took 2nd place in their Little Red Riding Hood and the Big Bad Wolf costumes. Everyone who dressed the part were winners and great sports. Joanne LaRue won the door prize. As usual, there was an abundance of good food and no one went away hungry. Thanks to all of you guys and gals who made this possible.

October 27 was a busy day for Chapter N folks. The Blount County Covered Bridge Festival got underway at a chilly 9 AM. Dewey/Alice entered their bike in the show and Harold/Shari attended the festival. As far as we know those were the only one's attending from Chapter N, but there were several familiar faces from Chapter B enjoying the festival. Alice reported that they also saw Betty Fuller. She was assisting one of her daughters and her husband vending lemonade. They do a lot of area festivals and other events so be on the lookout for Betty and say hello to her.

Next was the First Aid Class in Hoover. Eight of the 12 scheduled to attend were there where once again George Duncan did a great job of teaching the class. We owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to both George and Skip Kittrell who arranged & taught both the CPR and First Aid Courses. Many thanks George & Skip.

Next it was time to eat. We rode to Cracker Barrel in Trussville where we met Jim and Linda Zabler along with Linda's Mom for another great country meal.

On Sunday 11/28, Dewey/Alice and Wayne joined Skip and friends on the AL Firefighter Memorial Service at the AL Firefighter Memorial, located on the campus of the AL Fire College in Tuscaloosa. Following lunch at Logan's Roadhouse on Hwy 280 in Hoover, 4 local Policemen riding Gold Wings led the 30+ motorcycles on a fast non stop trip to Tuscaloosa with Skip riding drag. That group ride alone was worth the trip and they all did an outstanding job of stopping traffic and keeping 4 wheelers out of the group. The service itself was to honor 11 Firefighters who lost their lives during the last 3 months of 2005, and the first 9 months of 2006. While similar to military services

we've attended, it was different in it's own right. Starting off with 2 Firefighters playing Bagpipes, recognition of special guests, prayer, presentation of colors and raising of the flags, singing of the National Anthem, and short presentations from dignitaries. With the ringing of the Fire Bell, an Honor Guard presented a U.S. Flag to a family member of each of the 11 fallen heroes, followed by a fly over of a helicopter from the Sheriff's Department and the playing of Taps. In conclusion, a verse of Amazing Grace was sung followed by the playing of another verse on the Bagpipes. A reception followed in one of the AL Fire College buildings with refreshments and finger foods. Skip said they plan to make this an annual October ride from Birmingham, and hopefully next year we can all have more biker participation.

It's been a great month and hopefully we can still have lots of good riding weather in November as we switch to cooler temperatures. **DON'T FORGET THE TIME CHANGE ON SUNDAY 11/4/07.**

Butch/Dianne Harris, AL N CD.

Ride and Event Schedule

NOVEMBER – (Rides/activities planned by YOU and coordinated by Wayne)
11/3/07 – ONEONTA VETERANS DAY PARADE 10:00 AM– This is shaping up to have a large group of bikes in the parade. The staging time for Motorcycles has been set at 8:30 AM at the new Marvin's Parking lot (formerly Food World and most recently Piggly Wiggly) on hwy 75 South of Wal-Mart. Those wanting breakfast at Sarah's, depart Kangaroo 7 AM, others meet at Sarah's by 7:30 AM, then depart Sarah's at 8 AM for Oneonta riding down Hwy 75 S. Non breakfast eaters can ride directly to Oneonta. The reason for the early staging time is to allow for a partial judging of entries and handing out small U.S. flags. There will be floats, military units, etc. who will stage at different locations. **No candy or other items may be thrown to children along the parade route.** Following the parade, we'll have lunch at Guthrie's Chicken Restaurant in the Wal-Mart shopping complex. All Veterans get a 50% discount off regular menu items **AND YOU MUST HAVE I.D. IN THE FORM OF AN AMERICAN LEGION OR VFW MEMBERSHIP CARD**

almost here and this is Tannehill's last flea market sale for 2007. There should be lots of bargains available as vendors will be clearing their 2007 merchandise.

11/21/07 – BREAKFAST AT SARAH'S 8 AM.

NOTE: NO ACTIVITIES PLANNED DURING THE THANKSGIVING WEEKEND. ENJOY THE HOLIDAY WITH YOUR FAMILY.

11/28/07 – BREAKFAST AT THE POOR HOUSE in Gadsden 8 AM.

DECEMBER – (Rides/activities planned by YOU and coordinated by Wayne.

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

GATHERING – at the Rainbow City Community Center behind the Library on Hwy 411 about ½ mile South of Hwy 77 at 4:30 PM to decorate, and eat at 5:30 PM. The Chapter will provide the usual turkey/dressing, ham, cups, paper and plastic ware. Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish or 2 to complete the meal. This is our last monthly Chapter gathering for 2007. Awards will be presented and preparations for the new year will be announced. Please make a special effort to attend. Men bring a man's gift and ladies bring a ladies gift of not more than \$15 value each to participate in the "dirty Santa" game.

****Christmas parades:** Several area parades are annual events. If you would like for Chapter N to participate in any of them, please advise Butch so that we can make it a Chapter ride.

12/5/07 – BREAKFAST AT SARAH'S 8 AM.

12/12/07 – BREAKFAST AT THE POOR HOUSE IN GADSDEN 8 AM.

12/15/07 – DINNER RIDE – to El Tapito Mexican Restaurant in Rainbow City at 77/411. Meet at the restaurant 5 PM.

12/19/07 – BREAKFAST AT SARAH'S 8 AM.

12/26/07 – BREAKFAST AT THE POOR HOUSE 8 AM.

ON BEHALF OF THE OFFICERS, STAFF, AND PARTICIPANTS OF AL CHAPTER N, WE WISH ALL OF YOU A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR. DON'T FORGET TO TAKE SAFETY WITH YOU DURING THE HOLIDAYS.

SAFETY ARTICLE

GOOD TIPS FROM THE NOVEMBER 07 AMA MAGAZINE:

SHOCKS:

How many times in the past year have you carried a passenger on your motorcycle? How many times did you adjust your rear shock to compensate? OK. You probably didn't change it from when you ride solo and you're in the company of thousands of other motorcyclist. It's a simple step that will make your bike handle better, and it will keep your headlight beam adjusted better. Don't forget to change it back when you ride solo again.

OVER THINKING IT:

You may have heard this tongue-in-cheek bit of advice for what to do when an animal jumps out in front of you while riding down the road. "If you can eat it in one sitting," you're safer to go ahead and hit it. If it's bigger, swerve. Of course, a single platitude will never cover every situation, but the underlying lesson is valid. Give some thought to the best way to deal with smaller animals, as well as larger ones, before you're confronted with them. In many situations, swerving or braking hard can put you at greater risk than going straight. In others, evasive action is required. The key is in knowing the difference. HOW TO RIDE WITH DIABETES: Over 14.6 million Americans have diabetes. The most common form among adults is type 2, and Hypoglycemia (low blood sugar) is one of the effects of type 2 on adults which should be of major concern to you as a motorcyclist. You should always carry a source of glucose that your body can quickly absorb. Hard candy, glucose tablets, or fruit juice is good for this. You should never ride when you are experiencing any form of light-headedness, tingling in your arms and legs, cold sweats, headache, or general weakness. React quickly if you are experiencing any of these common signs of low blood sugar. With a little self-discipline and forethought, diabetes is an inconvenience that can be effectively managed allowing you many hours on your favorite M/C.

SEE ALL OF THE NEW MOTORCYCLE MODELS UNDER ONE ROOF:

The 2008 International Motorcycle Show in Atlanta will be Jan. 18-20, 2008. What are the hot trends in motorcycling? Are custom sport bikes in? Are cruisers still going strong? What about new models for 2008? How about new gear? What can't you live without, either for you or your bike? You'll find answers to all these questions at this 27th annual show.

Winter is fast approaching and with it comes the necessity of increasing our

awareness of road hazards. Fallen leaves on the roadway can be very slippery as can sand and gravel washed onto the roadway. According to a Oct. 22 report in the Birmingham News, Autumn also raises the danger of accidents with deer. Mating season and cooler temps will put more deer on the roads from Oct. through Dec. In 2006, there were 2,640 crashes in AL involving vehicles & animals with 95% of the animals being deer. Jefferson County ranked 3rd in the number of vehicle vs animal crashes in 06. Deer are on the move during the day as well as night, but nighttime poses the highest risk to us because they are so difficult to see and usually jump in front of us before we have a clue of their presence. A state trooper warns drivers not to honk horns at deer and motorist should safely apply brakes and avoid swerving. “Deer and dogs move,” “Trees don’t.” he said. Just last month, north of Opelika in Lee County on Sept. 16, 2007, a bizarre crash killed 2 people. A motorcyclist struck a deer, then a second motorcycle hit the first cycle, sending a passenger into the roadway where she was run over by a car. Be extremely alert as you ride in areas where deer are likely to be.

As the temperatures drop, the dangers of static electricity increase. As we’ve discussed several times, getting back inside your car while the fill nozzle is set on automatic stop, is not recommended. When you get out of the car seat, your body is charged with static electricity, so touch metal on the car before touching the gasoline nozzle to discharge the static outside the area of gasoline vapors. Likewise, fueling your M/C while you or your passenger are sitting on the seat is very dangerous. Also, using a cell phone while fueling any vehicle or when standing in the immediate area of the fueling operation, can be dangerous as well. Static Electricity is very real and will “Zap” you without notice.

Both the rider and co-rider should protect yourself from the elements. Wind, cold, and rain make you tire quickly, so dress warmly, take frequent breaks, and keep yourself hydrated. Living in the South, we don’t ride as often during the winter months, so be aware that your riding skills may become a bit dull due to lack of riding, so re-think your techniques and practice at every opportunity. It’s wise to use some type of anti-fog solution on your windshield and helmet face shield to minimize them from fogging over during sudden changes in temperature. Don’t use Rain X on plastic. Make sure the product you use is designed for M/C windshield use.

If we ever get any rain, pot holes will become more numerous. Remember too, that the road is slickest when it first begins to rain and the oil on the surface of the road is picked up and floats on top of the water. Reduce speed and lessen

your chances of skidding of any type of wet surface. That black streak down the center of each lane is oil and should be avoided as much as possible. If there is ice on the roadway, the M/C should be in the garage. Pay close attention to road signs which warn that bridge surfaces may ice before the roadway. **Riding a motorcycle safely is a year round process.**

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: *TIME:* “Time is the coin of your life. It is the only coin you have, and only you can determine how it will be spent. Be careful lest you let other people spend it for you.” Carl Sandburg.

Imagine there was a bank that credited your very own account each morning with a large sum of money. But, it carried over no balance from day to day. Every evening it deleted whatever part of the balance you failed to use during the day. What would you do? Draw out all of it, of course.

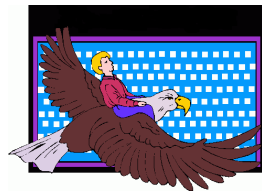
Each of us has such a bank. Its name is TIME. Every morning, it credits you with 86,400 seconds. Every night it writes off, as lost, whatever of this you have failed to invest to good purpose. It carries over no balance. It allows no overdraft.

Each day it makes a new deposit for you. Each night it burns the remains of the day. If you fail to use the day’s deposits, the loss is yours. There is no going back. There is no drawing against the “tomorrow.” You must live in the present on today’s deposits. So you must invest it so as to get from it the utmost in health, happiness, and success.

Time is a truly mysterious quantity. When you are enjoying yourself, it flies past; when you are waiting for a bus, it drags by – isn’t that true? But time is the stuff from which our dreams are crafted. We must first have our dream, of course, but then our actions cause our dreams to become reality – and our actions are subject to the constraints of time.

Everyday you are blessed with a fresh 24 whole hours to do what you please.

If you invest your time wisely, you will turn your dreams into reality; if you squander this precious resource, you will forever be just a dreamer.



RIDE WITH THE EYE OF AN EAGLE

November 2007 District News

Bill and Dian

Where did October go? Do you realize that Thanksgiving and Christmas will be here in a few weeks? We attended Chapter K's meeting on Oct 6th then rode on to Cullman for the Oktoberfest. We then rode on to the Chapter N plaque giveaway at Sarah's Restaurant on 278 and had a great time. Mobile Chapter A captured the plaque with over 20 folks on bikes. There were 91 folks there. Mobile not only got the Traveling plaque, none other than Jim Lee won the 50/50.

We attended the Mississippi Rally in Biloxi on Oct 11-13 and had a great time. We were happy to be able to visit with many of you there. There was a large number of Wingers in attendance this year. There were lots of vendors and activities to keep one occupied during the day. I know at least one couple that bought a new trailer. There was a pizza party Thursday evening and a great talent show on Friday evening. There is still a lot of rebuilding to be done, but they are getting things back in order. The highlight of the Rally came at closing ceremonies when Marge Hodge's number was drawn for the new Gold Wing. Congratulations to Jim & Marge!

On Saturday, about 70-80 Alabama Wingers descended on the Homestead Restaurant for lunch. This has become a tradition at the Mississippi Rally. As is custom we had a 50/50 drawing after the meal. This was not the ordinary 50/50 drawing since both halves of the money was given away. Guess who won the green stuff? If you guessed Jim Jackson and Ray Erickson, you guessed right.

Bob and Nancy Shrader have been appointed as the new Region A Directors. The change of Directors took place at the Region A Rally in Perry, Florida. Bob and Nancy joined GWRRA in 1993 and in 1996 served in their first operations role, as Assistant Chapter Directors. Since that time, they have served as Chapter Directors, Chapter, District and Region Couple of the

Year, and, in 2000, were appointed as the Florida District Directors. In 2003, they were appointed as Senior District Directors. I am sure they are well known throughout Alabama and we look forward to their leadership and support.

The location and dates for the 2008 Region A Rally has been announced. It will be held in Dothan, Alabama at the Holiday Inn. They have 143 rooms and I hear they are already over half full for the Rally. The Holiday Inn is located at the corner of 231 South and Ross Clark Circle. The address is 2195 Ross Clark Circle SE. For reservations call 1-800-777-6611. By the way, your room price includes a full hot buffet (not continental) breakfast for each guest. The dates are Sept. 11-13, 2008. Better get your room reservations if you are thinking about attending. You do not have to be registered to reserve a room.

As for Larry and Patti Lingo, even though they have stepped down as Region A Directors, they assured us they would be visiting Alabama events as often as they can. We thank them for their support and wish them well in their future endeavors. We thank Larry & Patti for their leadership and caring during their 4 years as Region Directors. When you see Larry & Patti, be sure to tell them how much we appreciate them.

Please remind your folks that we need nomination for the Joe Sellers award by Dec. 1st. This is basically an outstanding Member award. I will need a short explanation describing why they should be selected for the award. Please get your nominations to me soon. The Rally pin design entries have picked up, and we thank you for your entries.

If you haven't registered for the 2008 Rally yet, times running out. Remember we are providing ice cream on Thursday evening and Bar-B-Que on Friday evening as part of your registration. You will also get a ticket on the new Gold Wing we are giving away in your registration packet. This promises to be the best Rally yet in Mobile. Come on down and join all your friends for some great Fun and good times! Make plans for the swamp boat ride. Start getting your NASCAR gear together. Remember the Snowball social is January 5th at the Quality Inn & suites on

South Blvd in Montgomery. Officer's conference follows.

I believe the Veterans Day parade in Birmingham this year will be on Monday Nov. 12. I will get the information out as soon as I receive it.

You are invited to join Chapter U, Chapter G and some Florida folks in the Peanut Festival parade in Dothan on Nov. 10

Chapter A in Mobile is celebrating 25 years and also putting the traveling plaque up for grabs on Nov. 10. See attached flyer.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL THE CDS AND THE DISTRICT STAFF FOR ALL YOUR COMMITMENT AND DEDICATION TO THE ALABAMA MEMBERS!!

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

Bill & Dian

October Rides, by Harold & Shari

The weather forecast was clear and sunny. It was the 7th of October, a Sunday. After we convinced ourselves that skipping Church would be okay, we were quick to mount our Wing for a ride. Over breakfast at our local McDonald's, our discussion was to ride a new route, one that would get us to a good location for lunch and back home by early afternoon. So we did, and this is how it went. We rode to Guntersville, and then took the short cut route to Morgan City through Union Grove. From Morgan City we rode to Lacy Springs and got on highway 36 West. From Lacy Springs we rode highway 36 all the way to Wren, then rode south on highway 33 (this is the road through the Bank Head Forest). At the highway 278 intersection, we rode east to Cullman. We arrived in Cullman just in time for lunch at The All Steak Restaurant. What a plan! After a great lunch, we rode home in

time to see the big race. Our trip covered 192 miles. A great ride and we did see some decorative autumn stuff (bales of hay, corn stalks, and several pumpkins) as we rode through down town Hartselle.

This Sunday ride was good, but it was not enough. So, we skipped work on Tuesday and Wednesday for an overnight ride to Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. Our plan was to go mid-week to avoid all the weekend travelers. Wrong! It took us 20 minutes to ride through Gatlinburg at 4 P.M. Oh well, it was a good 550 mile trip. But, still very few autumn colors.

After laboring Thursday through Friday and shopping most of Saturday (Shari bought another pair of ugly shoes to go with her mile high collection of shoes), it was again time for a ride. This was a dinner ride (hey Butch, no rain this time) to Big Bob Gibson's BBQ. Another great plan! When we departed Big Bob's at 5:45 P.M., the temperature was 77. On arrival back home, the temperature was 61, a 16 degree drop in 54 miles. I'm thinking that it's time to relocate our Gold wing jackets from closet to saddle bag.

Harold & Shari



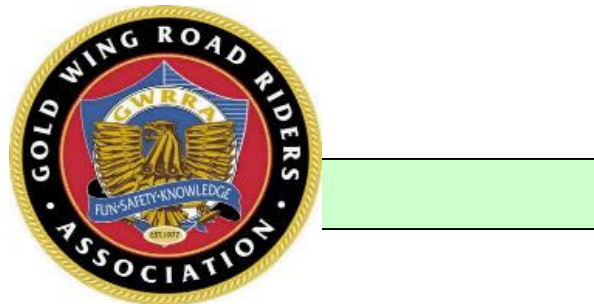
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Remember, the Officers Conference will follow the Snowball activities, and will begin at 3:00 PM. All CDs, ACDs and Chapter Educators are expected to attend. See you there!
We'll do financial reports Friday evening if you can be there!

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The Plaque Grab Tour!

CHAPTER N's NORTH AL TOUR FOR VISITING MEMBERS OF CHAPTER A 10-07

As the plans for the plaque grab were announced, Chapter A in Mobile announced a mass assault on Gadsden. Jim Lee and a group of riders drove as far as Clanton on Friday. Chapter N was asked to provide a tour leader since they would be arriving in Gadsden on Saturday morning, long before the meeting at Sarah's. Pat McNew volunteered to lead the group on a ride to Little River Canyon since most other N members were at a Breast Cancer Benefit. Here is his trip report:

I met Jim Lee and 15 bikes and trikes at 77 and 411 at 10:00 AM. Many were two up and many were pulling trailers. We split into two groups with me leading the first group and Jim leading the second group. I had planned the route in Garmin's Map-Source and emailed Jim a copy, which he had loaded on his GPS before leaving home which made things easier. My tour included a early stop at Noccalula Falls to make sure we made it through the "land of a hundred traffic lights" in a group, Little River Falls and Canyon, and Beans and Greens in Ball Play for lunch on the way back to Gadsden.

Of course, stopping and restarting with a group this big was a challenge all day. It usually took 25 minutes, minimum. The ride up Tabor Road and the Lookout Mountain Parkway was nice and without inci-

dent. We stopped at Little River Falls and the group divided itself into those who stayed at the picnic tables, those who walked down to the overlook, those who walked out on the falls, and the smallest group, those who ventured to look over the edge of the cliff.

The group then mounted up for our ride along the canyon edge. We had only gone a short distance on AL 176, when I heard the call on the CB radio, "Gold Wing down!" We were just passing around the mushroom rock and one of the bikes with a trailer had failed to negotiate the divided road and wound up in the right hand ditch. It was a slow speed incident and the only thing hurt other than a rib or two was the rider's pride. In the rush to give aid, one of the other riders had stopped in the cross-hatched area, with the bike pointing slightly downhill, put the side stand down, and

jumped off leaving his co-rider in the back seat. She thought she felt the bike move and reached for the front brake and, instead, grabbed the clutch letting the bike roll off the side stand and on to the crash guards. So now we had two Wings to right and get everybody remounted. All of this took about 45 minutes.

The rest of the ride along the canyon rim was without incident, until the leader, me and my trusty GPS, missed a turn. I noticed it in time to tell Jim and his group to make the correct turn and go on ahead while we turned around in the road. If you don't know this turn it is the one that goes down a steep concrete roadway to a bridge at about 40 degrees. It scared many of the co-riders (and some of the riders) to make this drop off. While we were catching up with Jim's group, I missed another fork and my group had to do another U-turn. (Note

to self. If you are going to take a large group on a tour, pre-ride the route yourself.)

Jim and his group had stopped at the next turn to wait on us, and we proceeded on. Needless to say, we were on a much later arrival time at Beans and Greens than I had planned. I did call them and warn them we would be showing up about 1:30 with 25 very hungry Wingers. All went smoothly on to the restaurant. The food was great as usual and no one left hungry. If you have never been there, the banana pudding is "like Mama used to make," complete with meringue on the top. Jim and I talked and decided I would lead the group from there to Sarah's since it requires a certain amount of faith to go out 278 far enough to find it. As we were forming up in our groups to leave the parking lot, the "Gold Wing down" cry came over the CB radio again.

Just a dropped bike this time and we were soon on our way. The synchronized traffic lights along Meighan Blvd. were kind to us and we made it to Sarah's with no further incidents.

I guess, since no one was hurt, and it turned into a beautiful day, I would call this a successful ride. There certainly were some lessons learned along the way. Jim and his group all thanked me for the tour. I wished them luck with their second all you can eat buffet as I headed home for some rest. I certainly did not need to eat again that day.

Pat McNew



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TRIP TO BILOXI
REPORTED BY RAY AND DEB COFFEN

On October 11th the trip started to Biloxi. Nice cold morning but it was warmer than it had been in previous years. Ray and Deb met up with Butch and Diane and then met up with Dewey and Alice. Off they went with dreams of sunshine, winning big in the casinos, or at least winning the Goldwing. Well, we know how dreams go! At least we had sunshine. So, on down the road we picked up Dan and Sandra Truitt. They traveled on to Biloxi with us.

Registration was really fun, getting to see folks you have not seen in a while, buying tickets and then onto the vendors. MS District folks fed us pizza and drinks and put on quite a show poolside. On Friday, we tried bingo, no winners, door prize tickets hundreds were dropped into the barrels trying to win. Guess who? won door prizes. Some of us tried our luck at the casinos, but at least we had sunshine.

Saturday, brought demo rides. Diane drove a Stallion, Alice was her co-rider. Needless, to say that was an interesting story. They left with a group, got separated and then had to let the group find them. Ray and Deb tried out a trike and decided that wasn't for them, yet. Marge Hodge won the goldwing and promptly gave it to Jim. Jim and Marge Hodge, as District Directors (years ago), gave away the first GW at the MS Rally and now had won the last GW to be given away at the MS District Rally.

Sunday, came along too soon. We had to be leaving so, Butch/Diane, Dewey/Alice, Ray/Deb and James Carter and Buddy Carter headed home to Sweet Home Alabama. Thinking about what a great time we all had while we were in Biloxi. At least we had sunshine.

Butch & Diane Harris
Dewey & Alice Cole
Ray & Deb Coffen
James Carter
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