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COMMENTS FROM THE CHAPTER DIRECTOR 10-07

Butch/Dianne Harris

September has been another hot but good month. We started the month with our regular Monthly Gathering at a new place, Sarah's on Hwy 278 West of Gadsden. This is only temporary until the Western Sizzlin completes their remodeling following a fire, maybe in November is the latest word we have. We had 23 attending the Sept. gathering and everyone seemed to enjoy the meal. I (Dianne) won half of the 50-25-25 and a door prize....about time.

Friday night 9-7 was visit-a-Chapter ride to J in Tuscaloosa. Seven of us made the trip to Northport, about 8 miles north of Tuscaloosa on Hwy 69. They had a good meeting with a great turnout. I (Dianne) won the 50-25-25 again.....don't let me stop now. Way to go girl....

Our fish fry on Sept 8 had a great turn out. Thanks guys....we did it for you. Jimmy & Joan put a lot of work into it. We really appreciate you for putting this together and for providing the fish. We had 24 attending and a laid back day of fellowship and relaxing was enjoyed by all. We welcomed new members, Keith & Shelby Alverson, who are friends of Terry & Barbie.

On Sunday 9-9, we rode north of Decatur to the Chapter H "Wanderer Plaque Grab", and the 26 Chapter Members who went was enough to bring it home again. Thanks to all of you faithful members. This was our 3rd time to capture this traveling plaque and it's been good for our Chapter. We've made several hundred dollars for our treasure and stuffed the pockets of 5 members who won money in the 50-50 and 50-25-25 drawings. This time it was Wilkie and Don who each brought home \$59.25. We're on a roll, so please keep up the good work. We'll have another opportunity or maybe two to capture it again before the end of the year. We're leading in total points now, so one more capture would almost surely make us winner of the year for an award to be presented at the 2008 Snowball.

Butch/Dianne, Dewey/Alice, & Harold/Shari attended the Region A Rally in Perry, FL 9-13 to 9-16. Harold is writing a summary of that trip for us.

We only had 13 at the Ice Cream Social at Sonic in Rainbow City on the 21st. We had a good time and enjoyed the comfortable ride home. This was our last Sonic Night for 2007.

The weather is getting cooler now and we look forward to some good rides this fall. Come join us and support YOUR Chapter.

Butch/Dianne Harris
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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**

Ride and Event Schedule

ABOUT CHAPTER N. We meet for breakfast every Wednesday at 8 AM, alternating between the Poor House Restaurant at 12th & 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 1st Saturday of each month unless otherwise published below, or as indicated on our website at www.coosavalleywings.org. 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. ***SPECIAL NOTE: DUE TO A RECENT FIRE AT Western Sizzlin, our meetings will be at Sarah's Restaurant on Hwy 278 East of Gadsden until further notice.***

OCTOBER – (Rides/activities planned by YOU and coordinated by Wayne)

10/3/07 – **BREAKFAST AT THE POOR HOUSE 8 AM.**

10/6/07 – **Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Fund Raising Event** – Hokes Bluff, AL. (Bike show/Antique car show, swap meet, arts & crafts, food, entertainment, etc. *Pre-register by 9-25 for \$15. \$20 at the gate. This charge applies only if you enter your car or bike in the show. No charge to visit, so come on out and spend some quality time with fellow Chapter partici-*

pants. Several of us attended last year and enjoyed the sitting in the shade laid back restful & fun day. Time is from 8 AM to 4 PM. They serve breakfast from 7-9 AM sponsored by the Tawanah Lions Club. Very good last year for \$5/person. Meet at the park in downtown Hokes Bluff at whatever time is best for you. From Gadsden Hwy 278 East to Hokes Bluff & left to the park.

10/6/07 – **SATURDAY – WANDERER PLAQUE GRAB & CHAPTER N MONTHLY GATHERING – YES, IT'S A DOUBLE WHAMMY.....** The Wanderer Plaque will be up for Grab from 4 PM to 5:30 PM at Sarah's on Hwy 278 West of Gadsden at the Blount/Etowah County line. Visitors are invited to then attend Chapter N's regular monthly gathering from 5:30 – 6:30 PM in the same room. Obviously this is a very important meeting and all Chapter N participants are urged to attend. We may have 50 or more visitors, so please make this a high priority on your calendar. More information at www.coosavalleywings.org

10/10/07 – **BREAKFAST AT SARAH'S 8 AM.**

10/11-13/07 – **MISSISSIPPI DISTRICT RALLY, (Touring The Tropics) Bi-loxi, MS.** For Hotel info., 888-388-1006, or MS Dist. Website www.msgwrra.org. Depart Kangaroo at 7 AM on Thursday 10-11, Springville Chevron at 7:30 AM. Great rally and one of the last of the year.

10/17/07 – BREAKFAST AT THE POOR HOUSE 8 AM.

10/19/07 FRIDAY – VISIT-A-CHAPTER RIDE TO CHAPTER T IN

McCALLA – They eat at 6 PM and meet at 7 at Plaza Restaurant in Bucks-ville, ¼ mile West off exit 100 on I-59. Depart Kangaroo 4 PM, Springville Chevron 4:30 PM and continue I-59 S to I-459 S to I-20/59 S to exit 100 and go right (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.

10/20/07 – HALLOWEEN PARTY – at the pavilion at Snead City Park on Hwy 278 ¼ mile East of the Hwy 75/278 intersection. Dress in Halloween costumes is encouraged and we'll decide who is the best dressed individual and couple. Start gathering at 4 PM and we'll plan to eat at 5.

Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish or two. We have enough paper and plastic ware left over from other events. A good time will be had by all who attend.

10/24/07 – BREAKFAST AT SARAH'S 8 AM.

10/27/07 – FIRST AID CLASS – 1-5 PM in Hoover with a **DINNER RIDE** following to Cracker Barrel in Trussville. Depart Kangaroo 11 AM, Springville Chevron at 11:30 AM. We'll stop on Hwy 280 for lunch before going to the fire station. Those who can join us for dinner in Trussville at the Cracker Barrel can meet us at the restaurant at 6:00 PM.

10/27/07 – COVERED BRIDGE FESTIVAL IN ONEONTA – The Blount CMA Chapter is once again in charge of the bike show. Several of us entered last year and won nice plaques. Main street downtown will be filled with all kinds of arts, crafts, food, entertainment stages, etc. Those going to the First Aid Class have time to come by the festival first if desired, and then meet in Springville to continue on to Hoover at 11:30 AM. There is no admission charge. Depart Oneonta by 11 AM & go Hwy 231 South 3 miles to Co. Hwy 29 and right for 3 miles to Co Hwy 27 and right to Springville. Those not attending the class may wish to spend some time at this festival as it's a good one. You can then join the group in Trussville at the Cracker Barrel for the dinner ride at 6:00 PM.

10/31/07 – BREAKFAST AT THE POOR HOUSE 8 AM – BOO IT'S HALLOWEEN.....

***FYI – Biketoberfest 2007 in Daytona Beach, FL Oct. 18-

21 www.getnews.biketoberfest.org

**RIDE AND EVENT SCHEDULE CONTINUED
NOVEMBER**

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

11/3/07 – ONEONTA VETERANS DAY PARADE – This is shaping up to be a rather large group of bikes in this parade sponsored by American Legion Post 72 in Oneonta. We need to be in Oneonta no later than 9 AM to stage. Let's meet at Sarah's at 7:30 for breakfast, departing there by 8:30 to Oneonta. Gadsden area folks can meet at Kangaroo and depart at 7 AM. for Sarah's on 278 at the Blount/Etowah County line.

11/3/07 – CHAPTER N MONTHLY GATHERING – Western Sizzlin in Rainbow City. Eat at 5 PM & the fun begins at 6 PM. www.coosavalleywings.org **NOTE: If they are still not open following the fire, we will meet at Sarah's.**

11/04/07 – **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS.**

11/7/07 – BREAKFAST AT SARAH'S 8 AM.

11/9-10-11/07 – OVERNIGHT RIDE TO CHAPTER A 25th ANNIVERSARY IN MOBILE – Those who can leave on Friday 11-09, (we'll call you group 1) depart the Exxon Station at Hwy 411/77 at 1 PM. Ride Hwy 411 S and meet others at the Shell Station in Ashville to depart at 1:30 PM. Follow Hwy 231 S to Harpersville, then Hwy 25 S to I-65 South to Greenville, AL. (Motel) Group 2 depart Kangaroo on Sat. 11-10 at ????. Springville Chevron at ??? & ride I-59 S to I-459 S to I-65 S.

(Motel in Mobile for all) We'll all return on Sunday 11-11 departing Mobile at ????

11/12/07 (MONDAY) ANNUAL AL DISTRICT VETERANS DAY PARADE IN BIRMINGHAM. Depart Kangaroo 10:30 AM, Springville Chevron 11:00 AM to arrive downtown Birmingham at the staging area before Noon. All units must be in

the staging area by Noon for the 1:30 PM start time. Additional information will be provided prior to that date. Following the parade, all GWRRA participants are encouraged to ride a short distance from the parade area to Niki's West Steak & Seafood restaurant at 233 Finley Ave. West for some good home cooking. It's only about 3 miles from the parade site with easy access to I-65 and the other major highways out of B'ham.

11/14/07 – BREAKFAST AT THE POOR HOUSE in Gadsden 8 AM.

11/17/07 – SHOPPING TRIP TO TANNEHILL STATE PARK FLEA MARKET. Depart Kangaroo 8 AM & Springville Chevron 8:30 AM for **BREAKFAST AT CRACKER BARREL IN TRUSSVILLE AT 8:45 AM.** Pull your trailers because the ladies will find lots of bargains. After all, Christmas is 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.

A BETTER WAY TO SAVE LIVES

Chapter N Safety Article ...October, 2007...By Wayne Gargus,
Chapter Educator

On August 25, 10 of us attended a 4 hour CPR course taught by a fellow fire-fighter of Skip Kittrell, Mr. George Duncan. It was an excellent way to spend a Saturday afternoon learning how to administer life saving resuscitation according to the *newest methods*. George did an excellent job and we all learned a lot. It was a bit disappointing that more of you didn't take advantage of this

opportunity. To stand by and not be able to administer aid to a friend, family member, or total stranger for that matter, is a helpless feeling I hope I never encounter. According to an article in the August, 2007 issue of Parade magazine, some 900 people in the U.S. die suddenly every day before they can get to an emergency room. *In most cases, the cause is cardiac where the heart either stops beating or beats too rapidly to pump out enough blood to sustain life. Unless there is someone right there and then who knows how to resuscitate an unconscious person, the victim dies within minutes.*

Experts are continually reviewing the most effective ways to perform CPR. The current recommendations emphasize that, for cardiac victims, chest compressions are more important than mouth-to-mouth breathing. That's because the compressions are what actually keep the heart pumping and the blood flowing. Properly done, CPR can save a life. Here's what to do for an unconscious person:

- Shout at the victim. If there is no response, start CPR immediately. Do not leave to call 911- have someone else do so. If there is a defibrillating device in the area, have it brought over quickly, but do not stop the CPR while you're waiting for it.
- If the victim is not breathing, tilt his or her head and chin up to open the airways.
- Then deliver two mouth-to-mouth rescue breaths, each one second long. These breaths should result in a visible rise in the chest.
- Compress the center of the chest with the heel of your hand. You must do it very hard and very fast, 30 compressions within 18 seconds. Let the chest recoil after each compression. NOTE: This is the procedure for adults. Children and infants require softer compressions, especially infants. Just one reason why you should take the course.
- After this cycle of 30 chest compressions, deliver two more rescue breaths. Continue this sequence until defibrillating equipment arrives, the victim responds, or paramedics take over.

RECOGNIZING A STROKE

A Neurologist says that if he can get to a stroke victim within 3 hours, he can totally reverse the effects of a stroke...totally. He said the trick was getting a stroke recognized, diagnosed, and getting to the patient within 3 hours, which

is tough. A TRUE STORY: Susie is recouping at an incredible pace for someone with a massive stroke all because Sherry saw Susie stumble - - that is the key that isn't mentioned below – and then she asked Susie the 3 questions. So simple – this literally saved Susie's life. Some angel sent it to Suzie's friend and they did just what it said to do. Suzie failed all three of the questions so 911 was called.

Even though she had a normal blood pressure reading, and it did not appear to be a stroke as she could converse to some extent with the paramedics, they took her to the hospital right away. Thank God for the sense to remember the 3 steps. PLEASE READ THIS AND LEARN: Sometimes symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify. Unfortunately, the lack of awareness spells disaster. The stroke victim may suffer brain damage when people nearby fail to recognize the symptoms of a stroke. Now, doctors say a bystander can recognize a stroke by asking three simple questions:

- 1. Ask the individual to SMILE.
- 2. Ask him/her to RAISE BOTH ARMS.
- 3. Ask the person to SPEAK A SIMPLE SENTENCE, coherently.

If he/she has trouble with any of these tasks, call 911 immediately and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher.

After discovering that a group of non-medical volunteers could identify facial weakness, arm weakness, and speech problems, researchers urged the public to learn the three questions. They presented their conclusions at the American Stroke Association's annual meeting last February. Widespread use of this test could result in prompt diagnosis and treatment of the stroke and prevent brain damage. (Copied from the AL District Website 8-23-07) www.alabamagwrra.org

The above stroke information was not taught at the CPR class. This is just one of many items that will be taught at the First Aid Course to be taught by the same instructor and at the same location on Saturday October 27, 2007. You can attend this even if you didn't attend the CPR class. I hope everyone in Chapter N will give this matter your most serious attention. See Wayne to get your name on the list.

LIFE IS SHORT.

It takes a minute to find a special person, an hour to appreciate them, a day to

love them; but then an entire life to forget them.

WATCH YOUR THOUGHTS; THEY BECOME

WORDS:

- Watch your words; they become actions.
 - Watch your actions; they become your habits.
 - Watch your habits; they become your character.
- Watch your character, it becomes your destiny.

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN MAD ABOUT BEING MAD?? In case you missed it, you need to read Gordon Murphy's article on page 7 of the Oct. 07 issue of Wing World. He makes a good point about why mental conditioning and preparation are so important when riding a M/C.

OTHER THOUGHTS TO PONDER:

Anger is a condition in which the tongue works faster than the mind.
You can't change the past but you can ruin the present by worrying over the future.
God always gives his best to those who leave the choice with him
A hug is a great gift...one size fits all. It can be given for any occasion and it's easy to exchange.
Laughter is God's sunshine.
Take time to laugh for it is the music of the soul.
If anyone speaks badly of you, live so that none will believe it.
Do what you can, for who you can with what you have, and where you are.
Wishing your day be filled with love and peace!!

RIDING SAFELY IS AS SIMPLE AS ABC.....ALWAYS BE CAREFUL

**USA'S LARGEST VETERANS DAY PARADE
BIRMINGHAM, AL MONDAY NOVEMBER
12, 2007**

The AL District is once again promoting a ride of it's GWRRA

members to participate in this annual parade. Many of our own members are Veterans and will be riding to demonstrate their pride and to honor our past and present Military Personnel. We also extend an invitation to all GWRRRA members from neighboring states to join us in this special event. It's televised locally and nationally and includes numerous Military Personnel with Military Vehicles, floats, marching bands, and lots more. The parade will go on rain or shine. We've had some rain on parade day for the past 2 years, but we still had 32 motorcycles with 49 people in the 2006 parade.

This year we would like to reach last years goal of having 50 Gold Wings riding in the parade so we can set an even higher goal for next year. Monday 11-12-07 is recognized as the Veterans Day Holiday since 11-11 falls on a Sunday. The dinner will be held on Sunday night and the Peace Luncheon on Monday if anyone is interested in attending those. For additional information contact Tonya Harvey Rogers at Tonya.Rogers@cmc.com

2007 will be the 60th year of the Birmingham Veterans Day Parade and additional activities are expected to celebrate this milestone. We don't have details yet or what the theme of this years parade will be, but as soon as additional information is available, we will let you know. Please mark your calendars now and start making plans to attend. It would be nice if every Chapter in AL would make this a Chapter Ride Event. Our Gold Wings always get a lot of attention from the fans as well as the media and Dignitaries, so join us and you may be on National TV.

In 2006, we had 5 bikes from AL Chapter B who's riders were in Military Uniform and lead our group. Anyone who is currently serving in the Military or Guard units who are authorized to wear Military Uniforms are encouraged to join us and we'll let you

lead our group of motorcycles through downtown Birmingham again. We had the bikes dressed in red white and blue with lots of U.S. Flags flying and being waved by co-riders.

I'll let you know our staging assignment, theme, etc. as soon as it's available. If you have any questions or comments, please e-mail me at wayneg@otelco.net or call at 205-274-8670 or cell 205-305-4487.

Wayne Gargus
AL-N Chapter Educator

October 2007 District News

On August 25th, our Anniversary, Dian & I rode with 9 other bikes up to Patti's Restaurant at Land between the Lakes in Kentucky to eat the famous 2" thick pork chop. Should I say it's all you can eat? We had a great ride and even managed to make it back by noon Sunday for our family reunion.

We attended the Region A Rally in Perry, Florida Sept. 13-15. We really enjoyed the ride down and even managed to miss all the rain. It would have been better if some others from our area had rode down with us. We left Athens about 8:30 AM CST and arrived in Perry about 7:00 PM EST. Some lucky member won a new Escapade trailer. There was also a pound of gold given away by the local Veterans organization. Lots of door prizes and other items, including two winners in the 50/25/25 drawings. Lots of folks took advantage of the free onsite camping. Closing ceremonies was very sentimental since Larry and Patty ended their tenure as Region A Directors at the Rally. We also spent some time with the incoming Region A Directors, Bob & Nan Shrader, from Tampa, Florida. Most of the District Staff will remain the same.

Please remind your folks that we need nomination for the Joe Sellers award by Dec. 1st. This is basically an award for an outstanding Member. I still have only 1 rally pin design. I know a lot of folks have an artistic flare for this type of thing, so encourage them to get the designs to me by Nov. 15th.

Please get your registration in for the 2008 NASCAR Rally if have not already registered. You will get a ticket on the new Gold Wing we are giving away in your registration packet. This one is going to be the best one yet! Make plans for the swamp boat ride. Start getting your NASCAR gear together.

Remember the Mississippi Rally in Biloxi is 11-13 of October. The hotels are filling up already, so if you are planning to go, better get your room reservation.

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

JIM AND KAREN LEE

Hi Folks,

You know our District has so many good things going on all year that if anyone is not having a good time shame on them. It seems my time is continuously wrapped up in activities.

The weather is turning cooler and riding time is at a premium. The Region A rally at times was warm but not anything like it was the previous year where the temperatures were unbearable. It was an excellent rally and while Karen couldn't go I did get to attend with some of our local members and most of the District Staff.

I was able to split my time and ride up to Pelham and the Ride For Kids. Alabama GWRRA had a huge turnout.

This month we will be attending the Mississippi Rally and hope to attend the Bandit Getaway. I'll also be up in Gadsden to see who captures the Traveling Plaque. It seems that Plaque has bounce around in the Northern part of the state for some time. Chapter H and N seem to think they own it.

For those that attend the Mississippi Rally we will once again have the Alabama folks invited to a lunch on Saturday. This is becoming a tradition and normally we have a good turnout. Last year it was a little difficult to find a

location but this year we believe we will find a large enough location. If the weather is nice there is a great barbeque place down the interstate that we will attend.

Did you think I was going to forget to talk about the Alabama Rally? Well if you did you are wrong. I am not going into detail of all the things going on but I will encourage you to get your registration in as soon as you can. I also encourage you to sign up for the Swamp Tour if you want to go. I have 18 seats left in the afternoon. If we need, I will try to get a second air boat but I also need time to do that. This is the second year we will be providing an ERC and Trike course at the rally. If you need or want to take either of these courses please sign up. This year we will offer two up as well as one up. The price is \$50 for each person and a meal will be provided. This year, for the first time, we will give away a 2008 Gold Wing. This is a major undertaking for Alabama. Our attendance historically has not been large enough to do this. It was only with the help of A&B Cycle and the understanding by the District Staff that we could loose money that we chose to do this for our membership. Only with support from you will we be able to continue giving away a Gold Wing. If you don't need a wing and win it then you can opt to take \$10,000 cash on the spot. If you look at what we will be doing this year I think you will agree we have set a great table for you with meals, socials, seminars, vendors, fun and prizes.

Please don't put off registering and purchasing your tickets.

We'll see you soon.

Jim & Karen Lee

WINGS OVER THE SMOKIES 2007

By Wayne Gargus

Following breakfast at the Poor House on Wednesday 9-19, I headed North up I-59 to the WOTS Rally in Fletcher, NC. It was just me, myself, and I, but we had fun anyway. Coming into Chattanooga, 4 GW's came up behind me from Chapter H, and I led them on a fast trip through Chattanooga. We got in the left lane and followed the flow of traffic which was usually around 70 MPH. Once on I-75, they passed me and exited onto the Hwy 64 by-pass in Cleveland while I proceeded to the next exit and took Hwy 60 to 64/74.

Hwy 64 had light traffic probably due to the fact there was not enough water flowing for the rafters to be in the river. When Hwy 64 & 74 split, I followed 74 into Bryson City and spent the night half way between there and Cherokee. I departed the motel early Thursday morning, and after breakfast, entered the Blue Ridge Parkway at mile marker 469 for a nice cool ride in the low 50's for a while. At Pisgah Inn (mile marker 408), I stopped for a break and saw several AL folks from Chapters B & H who had spent the night there which I thought was a great idea. Every room has a fantastic view of the mountains and the valley behind the lodge. There is also a restaurant and store on site with gasoline. The colors are not changing yet, but the views were still breath taking.

I arrived at the Rally site at Noon and decided to visit the vendor area before checking into the Holiday Inn. It was 360 miles from Gadsden to the Rally, and the temp now was a pleasant 75. I bought a T-shirt and another flag pole and flag so I could fly one on each side, then checked into the motel. After a brief nap and visiting with other Wingers, I went to a great seafood restaurant and pigged out as usual.

Friday was a cloudy but mild day with no rain. This turned out to be my shopping day buying 2 things I had not intended to buy. My butt was aching so bad at the end of each day's ride, I found a vendor who is competing with the Corbin seats. MBL Enterprises that sells mufflers, handlebars for 1500's, and the set back and in handlebar spacers for the 1800, plus lots of other things, are friends I met while living in TX. They now live in East TN near the area where Lon and Liz are from. They each ride their own bikes, and after Brenda told me her experience with the Ultimate seat on her Harley which replaced a Corbin, and another friend who still lives in TX replaced the Corbin on her GW with an Ultimate, I was sold on buying a new seat. They had one trimmed in white which I thought would look good on my White Wing, so I bought it. What a difference it made. It's about 1" wider on each side, the center slopes upward on both the rider and co-rider seats, has a built in back rest, is filled with memory foam, and is really a sharp looking seat. Expensive yes, but I just had to have it. This vendor is in business to sell seats at the Rally, not just take orders and ship them later. They had about 15 seats mounted on stands where you could sit on them, and each one was for a different bike. They offered to install my seat and let me go riding to try it out. I opted to do that on Sat. morning. I said that was the end of my shopping, but being a sucker for a bargain as I am, Air Rider had only 3 Tom Tom GPS units with all the extras and a mounting bracket included for \$100 less than their normal package price,

so I felt the need to have one of those too. Get me out of here.....

I started Sat. morning off with a huge breakfast at the Moose Café. It's located beside the Farmers Market, so I bought a peck of fresh NC apples and proceeded to the Parkway to continue North and try out my new seat. After riding for about 4 hours, I was very pleased with the seat and went back to the Rally and parked beside the vendor as he requested, so he could show the difference the white stripe made on the seat. I visited with my vendor friends for the remainder of the afternoon. At closing ceremonies, a new NC DD was introduced. As usual, I did not win any of the 50-20-15-10-5 jackpot; not even a door prize. They gave away a Honda 750 Shadow to one lucky lady, and a new dressed out blue GW with a dressed out matching Escapade trailer. I think the couple who won the GW & trailer were from NC.

The ride home was warmer than the ride up. I came back on Hwy 64 from Hendersonville, NC until I turned South on Hwy 5 and down through GA to Hwy 411. A beautiful day and a safe trip home. I rode a total of 1,025 miles.

Kerry Wilson Has a New Job

From: Kerry Wilson [kwilson@kerrywilson.com]
Sent: Monday, September 24, 2007 11:03 PM
To: kwilson@kerrywilson.com
Subject: Kerry's New Job
I guess it came at a good time.

Little did I know that when I resigned as newsletter director and webmaster of chapter N, that I had a new job waiting for me. on August 20th I was appointed Executive Secretary and Treasurer of NAIFA GADSDEN. I was already the web master of the State Association (AAIFA), as well as the Gadsden, Huntsville, and Decatur Associations (and the Hokes Bluff Lions Club).

Good news! The new job pays \$300 per month salary, so that is nice.

I plan to still participate in rides and functions at Chapter N.

Harry and I went camping the weekend before last at DeSoto State park. We rode to Cartersville to see aircraft at Phoenix Air at the Cartersville Airport last Sunday.

We are speaking at the Hokes Bluff Lions Club 10/18/2007 at 7:00 pm, and I am showing a 20 minute Multi-media presentation about our Canada trip. (It will be similar to the one that I sent out already, but longer, with more music, narration, and detail). You are invited, if you would like to come.

Here is my latest NAIFA GADSDEN Newsletter. If you can't receive the download, you can view it online at:
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Also: <http://www.gadsdenalu.com/MORGANLAWRENCE.HTM>
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Region A Rally
13-15 September 2007

Eight Chapter N members attended this year's GWRRA Region A Rally, which was held in Perry Florida. Six of us began our trip before daybreak Thursday morning under overcast skies, but with the hope that rain clouds would drift north. Our ride took us East into Georgia and then South into Florida and on to Perry. We were all so

thankful
our chapter weather man was with us and that he was able to stay the rain with
the
exception of only a quick shower that occurred as we entered the City of Perry.
For
those of us that had not been to Perry for many years, we discovered the city
had grown
some, at least enough for a Wal-Mart Superstore. The rally site was at Forest
Capital
Museum State Park. And, co-located on site was the Cracker Homestead Mu-
seum. Our
visit to this homestead was a step back in time to the 1800's with its antique
furnishings
and vintage farm equipment. Sometime Friday morning two more Chapter N
members
showed up in their 4-wheel motorcar, then left us Saturday morning for some
big event in
Panama City, Florida. We all enjoyed the rally, but could have enjoyed it
more had the
humidity been lower. We came up a little short on winning prizes, but did
come away with the 1st place plaque for Scrape Book. Before daybreak Sun-
day morning under clear skies and cool weather we began our journey home.
We were accompanied by Chapter B members Dennis and Ann Greer. For
everyone's information the 2008 Region A Rally will be held at the Dothan,
Alabama Holiday Inn. And, you do not have to be registered to get motel res-
ervation, so call now and get your room. Maybe Chapter N can schedule a day
ride on Friday to Panama City or Marianna for lunch.

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