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Eat 5pm to 6pm, Meeting 6pm till 7pm

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RALLY'S ARE SO MUCH FUN

Have you ever been to one of the Rally's, whether it be a District Rally, Region Rally (now in the past) or a National Rally?

Well let me say they are FUN, FUN, FUN. I have been to many of them and can say I've enjoyed each and every one. Each one is a little different, from the last one. They may have different vendors, at each Rally. You will see a lot of friends that you know from past Rallies but then again you will find and meet new people that will be friends forever.

You will get to know the vendors and you will make friends with some of them. And they are always happy to see you, whether you stop by their booth once or a dozen times they are ready to talk and enjoy you stopping by.

Then there is Chapter Challenge, Shirt Competition, the 50/25/25, COY baskets, and of course Grand Prize.

I attended the Last Region "A" Rally this past weekend and it was a blast. If you missed it, then you missed on Great Rally. Jim Jackson and his Team really went out with a blast. That 50/50 was really something else.

JUANITA & GARY RACKLEY
CHAPTER DIRECTORS



THINGS HAPPEN FAST ON A BIKE

Almost every day we hear of an accident involving a motorcycle. As GWRRA members we know safety is all important in our riding fun. There are times when the power between our legs makes us feel as if we can control all that is around us but that power is not the only power around.

I can't think of a time when a bike came out ahead of a wall, a car, a tractor trailer, or even another bike. Looking at photos on line of bike accidents got me to thinking about how fast an accident can happen. I downloaded a couple of pictures I wanted to share with you to just remind us how easy an accident can happen.

As you can see this picture is not something you want to watch. First they are not wearing anything to protect their bodies, and who knows how fast they are going. The young lady on the back has only jeans and a helmet to protect her and the rider doesn't have much more. I am sure they did not plan to hit a car, nor were they expecting the car to pull in front of them, but things happen. And they sometimes happen fast.



This couple looks like they know the safety rules and have taken care to dress with the idea of safety. Having the proper gear is the best way to ride but safety gear is only part of the safety ideas. Every four wheeler out on the road at the same time as you can be a hazard to your health.



A friend of mine once told me that he might get a bike but if he did, he did not want to wear gloves, coat, or a helmet. He liked the wind to blow through his hair.

First I told him not to get a bike because I would not ride with him. Next I ask him did he have any preference as to where to bury his body.

Maybe that was a little harsh but sometimes people need a little reality check. Anyway, I am thankful I ride with riders who are conscious of all the hazards on the road and you can learn from people who know what to do. So, this is not a lesson for my fellow Gold Wings, but just a reminder to all of us to stay focused.



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No More Chapter Educators...

With the new GWRRA Reorganization, effective 01/01/2018 there will no longer be any Chapter Educators. One of GWRRA’s Goals with these changes is Ride More, have more FUN and have less paperwork. A new Chapter position is being created which will be called the Chapter Ride Coordinator which will be a GWRRA officer position. Hum? That probably sounds pretty strange to all of you since most of Region A, Georgia and especially GA Chapter A has always had a “Ride Coordinator”. This has been a very important position that has been appointed by the GA ChA Chapter Director. Evidently GWRRA, as a whole, liked this concept and has made an official proclamation that all GWRRA Chapters will now have a Chapter Ride Coordinator and they will make these positions “GWRRA OFFICERS”.

Well, just before GWRRA announced this new reorganization, we here in GA ChA decided that we were making some changes. Maybe if I put how the Chapter Education and Chapter Ride Coordinator was, is and will be in a diagram, you can understand it better.

GA ChA early 2017

Chapter Educator	Bryan Douglas	GWRRA Officer
Chapter Ride Coordinator	Bob Greer	Not an Officer

GA ChA now

Chapter Educator	Bob Greer	GWRRA Officer
Chapter Ride Coordinator	Bryan Douglas	Not an Officer

GA ChA after 01/01/2018

Chapter Ride Coordinator	Bryan Douglas	GWRRA Officer
Chapter Educator Position is being eliminated		

The Chapter Educator currently submits a monthly Rider Education Report to the Georgia District Rider Educator, Frank Brothers. Effective 01/01/2018, Chapters will no longer be required to submit these monthly reports. Frank Brothers, GA District Educator, will track all Rider Education in the state.

All GWRRA members will be responsible to track their own Rider Education status. This includes, but is not limited to what Rider Education Seminars they have attended, what Rider Courses they have taken, what CPR and/or First Aid classes they have taken and if they are in the GWRRA Levels Program, what they need to remain current in or progress to the next level.

With all, Frank Brothers wrote an excellent article which can be found in the October



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2017 Georgia District Newsletter (or as they are now calling it, “Bulletin”). Go to the GA District Home Page and click on NEWSLETTERS from the list of the left, then click on the October 2017 Newsletter. Frank’s article about how members can log onto the GWRRRA Rider Education webpage to check their current Rider Education status is at the very bottom of the page/last article.

Bob Greer
GA ChA Chapter Educator



SEE NO EVIL

HEAR NO EVIL

SPEAK NO EVIL

**NEXT MONTH SEND ME PICTURES YOU MAY HAVE OF THIS
YEAR’S RIDES OR PLACES YOUR RODE.**

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SPECIAL DAYS
ANNIVERSARIES— BIRTHDAYS — SPECIAL NEEDS

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

December	2	Bobby Shelton
	4	Ken Maynard
	6	Sheree Hauser
	6	Dick Hopkins
	7	David Andrews
	16	Cheryl Gillen
	24	Lorelai Jenkins
	28	Rosemarie Denzin
	29	Linda Ferguson
	31	Joyce Piotrowski



DECMEBER ANNIVERSARIES

SO ITS YOUR ANNIVERSARITY!

December	11	Larry and Shelia Appleby
	15	Lloyd and Anna Hamilton

TAKE TIME OUT TO SPEND SPECIAL TIME TOGETHER. CONGRATULATIONS FROM ALL OF US AT GWRRR.

SPECIAL NEEDS

Let's continue to keep Lawana Burrell in our thoughts and prayers as she continues to get her health back from her heart procedure. We wish her a speedy recovery, so she can get back to being with us. We miss her, so continue to call and send her some get well wishes. Cards can be sent to 345 Autumn Lake Drive, McDonough, GA 30253.

We have had several of our Chapter family in the hospital. Mel Ray suffered a fall on Monday, November and was taken to Piedmont Henry by ambulance but later that afternoon he was taken to Grady Memorial Trauma Center as he hit his head and had some bleeding on the outside of his brain. He also suffered a broken right hand. As of this writing have not heard any more on Mel condition. Please keep Mel in your thoughts and prayers. Cards can be sent to Mel at 361 Chambers Road, McDonough, GA, 30253. Get well soon, Mel. The big story for this month is our own Barbara Thayer tried to help a deer with its acrobat act. Well needless to say it was not a very successful act. The deer tried to jump Barb and her trike on Sunday, October 22nd. The deer knocked Barb off her bike. But Barb was stronger than the deer (he didn't make it), our Barb showed him. Barb did sustain so very severe damage but after a week in the hospital she is at home and recovering very nicely. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers. You can send cards to her at 411 Crumbley Road, McDonough, GA 20252. I am sure you know where that address leads you and your bike. With this said, please everyone, watch out for Bambi out there as well as all other road harassed.

Let's continue to keep our country in our thoughts and prayers. It is so hard to believe we have so many people who want to destroy it by their cruel ways. Please pray for the people, and their families, that lost their lives just going to church. Be safe in what every you do until we meet again.