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MONTHLY GATHERING

Second Tuesday of every month 6:00 PM Eat - 7:00 PM Meet Golden Corral. Dothan AL

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On the cover: WindDing is August 28 – September 1 See you there!

DISTRICT NEWS

Greetings fellow riders, as another month has past we hope all of you are out and riding. The heat has been a bit of a deterrent to many but hey, we bought these great bikes/trikes to ride, not sit in the garage. If you haven't been riding we encourage you to look around and find rides that suit your schedule. There are several chapters scheduling breakfast, lunch and dinner rides during the week. Surely one of these will fit in with your needs, find one!

Our next big gathering is in Aug in Tocca, GA. The Georgia District Rally is planned out and raring to go. We hope we will have lots of attendees from Alabama this year. The Tocca area provides many opportunities for great rides around and over the mountains of North Ga, North Carolina and Tennessee. Helen is only a few miles from there and there are always lots of good things going on in that part of the country. We hope to see you there Aug 2,3 and 4!

August 28th thru Sept 1 is our biggest party of the year, Wing Ding! This year it is nearby in Knoxville, Tn. We hope all of you are making plans to be there and we are sure you will have a great time. All the usual offerings will be provided and for those who have not had the opportunity to ride the 2018 Goldwing, Honda will be there with bells on and plenty of bikes to ride. We have had the good fortune to ride the new automatic and boy, it is a fine machine. We strongly encourage everyone who has not rode one to take time out in Knoxville to do so, you will find it is time well spent! Alabama has a short work detail this year. We are in charge of pre-registration at the opening party on Tuesday evening at the Museum of the Appalachia from 5PM until 8PM. If you are in town and plan to attend the party come by and say hello and help out for a few minutes. You will receive and volunteer pin for your help. In addition you will get to meet members from all over the US and from around the world. We hope to see lots of Alabama members there!

As we close this month please remember all of our first responders and families and our military and families. These folks protect and serve us each and every day. We hope to see everyone out on the road!

Frank and Linda Teasley





Assistant District Educator News

I want to congratulate the following for having achieved Master Level in the levels program this month:

Bruce Williamson Eileen Williamson Patrick Lapera Darnell Lapera Ray Collier Joan Collier Melissa Stumpf

MEC News

As your Membership Enhancement Coordinator, it is my job to inform you of your benefits of joining and retaining membership in GWRRA. Each month I intend on discussing with you these benefits.

This month the benefit I wish to discuss is Wing Ding. This is a yearly event put on by GWRRA National. This year it is being held in Knoxville TN. It is the rally of all rallies. There will be many vendors there to show off their Goldwing wares. All of the National GWRRA staff will be there. Many seminars/modules will be taught. Lots of activities will be held. The International COY contestants will compete for that title during Wing Ding. This is the yearly big event for members of GWRRA. It will start on Tuesday Aug 28 and end on Saturday Sept 1st.

Ride Coordinator News

Obviously the big ride this month will be the one to Wing Ding in Knoxville. Some of us intend to arrive on Monday Aug 27 in order to attend the COY Bootcamp early on the 28th. We intend to take a (No Interstate) route which will take a little longer but be a more enjoyable ride.

I intend to plan a few evening rides this month in order to beat the heat. One ride in the works is a ride to the new steak house in Newton on US 231, to be followed up with a trip to Dothan to play Putt Putt golf at Adventureland. More rides to come. Look for updates on our website and on Facebook.

Freida and James Clayson





Hello My Fellow Members:

The very FIRST THING is to thank all of you who attended Corky and my 50th Anniversary. I won't even try to mention all of you 'cause I'll leave someone out and we don't want to do that, huh? There must have been over 50 friends there to celebrate with us. We didn't even know we had that many. However I will try to personally thank all of you who managed to get this surprise together and keep it from Corky. Now that was a challenge for sure!! Thank you to Sue Ziglar, Debby Hall, Kim and Gary Carlisle, Freida and James Clayson, and our three kids Ron, Jody and Robert (Not to forget our only Grandson Blake). Frank and Linda Teasley, our distinguished District Directors and Danny Baker our District Ride Coordinator. Roy and Anita Fosnight came all the way down from the Huntsville and Birmingham area and Debbie and James Baxley, up from Panama City. The whole State was covered!! All the cards were spot on, as well as the gifts. Once again, "THANK YOU ALL".

Now on to the business at hand. Everyone knows these dates already, but I'll mention them just in case. Corky and I are planning to attend these: Chapter U's Christmas in July on 21 July at the Ozark Church of Christ 177 Mertle Dr just off of Roy Parker Rd. Aug 2-4 is the Ga District Rally in Toccoa, Ga. Looking forward to that one. Then there is the Wing Ding held in Knoxville, Tn Aug 28-1 Sep. Wings over the Smokies, 27-29 Sept will be in Waynesville, NC. There are probably more but I'm confused now!!

For the near future Corky and I will be traveling by our CAGE. She won't let me drive too much and certainly not the Bike at all! Our Camper and Corky's trike are in for repairs and we don't know when we'll be picking them up.

Remember 2 won't go into 1!!

Ron and Corky Alexander

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Bruce & Eileen's Gab Sr. Chapter Director AL-U

What a pleasure and honor to have thirty one attended our gathering on July 10th at the Golden Corral. It was our "Ind-dependence Day" gathering where we honored all veterans from all wars. Much thanks.

We had a special guest and speaker, twas' "BEN IRWIN" Attourney and was recruited by PAT and DARNELL LAPERA to educate and explain "Insurance Coverage, Insurance companies and what to do in case of accident". It was very informative and we appreciated him taking his time to come. Thanks to PAT & DARNELL for inviting him.

Was good to see CAROLYN YORK again whom we haven't seen in ages. We miss her & LARRY. We need to keep our Prayer List: LARRY YORK, BILLY STUM, CAROL FLACH, DARNELL LAPERA & JOAN HALL. If we miss any, let us know.

Was an honor to have some "M'ers" from PhenixCity was JIM and SUE JACKSON and guess who won the 50/50??/SUE JACKSON, she went home being \$38.00 richer. Call her "LUCKY SUE" How do you do.

CAROL FLACH would have won the attendence money of \$5.00 but she was'nt there so ---- next months winner will get \$10.00. Good luck somebody.

RON ALEXANDER won the OOPS award-poor guy-guess it was because he got the shiner. Hope he gets better. Seems everybodys always picking on him.

Happy <u>GWRRA</u> anniversary to RICHARD STUMPF who joined us on July 8, 2014. We felt blessed when he volunteered to be our chapter newsletter editor. He does a very professional job and we're proud of him.

Congratulations to RON and CORKY ALEXANDER on their 50th Wedding Anniversary. It was a beautiful party and great to see their family again. Lots of friends and dignitaries were present. It was a beautiful hall where the party was and felt priveleged to be there. They are such a cool couple. You couldn't ask for a better pair to be "South Alabama Assistant Director". We're well represented.

We are so thankful for our staff, our members, our guests as well as our veterans and esecially combat veterans. Live the life you love and love the life you live.

Get healthy everyone, we need you to go on rides with us and by the way, please patronize our advertisers.

Until next month,

Regards

Bruce and Eileen Williamson



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COY Report

Hello everyone! If you missed our ride to Providence Canyon on July 14, you missed a super great one! James and I, along with Bubba, Ray, Pat, and Darnell, had a super fun ride and a wonderful time. Bubba is an exceptional road captain and took us mostly on back country roads. Only spent a few miles on a four lane highway! The canyons are beautiful. James, Bubba, and I took a short hike down to two of the best ones. It was about a 1 mile round trip walk. Going down was easy. Tough climb back up though! It was well worth it. It was hot but we had plenty of water to drink and we were there before the hottest part of the day. After

climbing out and sitting a little while, we all got back on the road and headed to River City Grill in Eufaula for some lunch. Yum. On the way there we ran into just enough rain to cool us off. It was a beautiful ride and we hope to go back again! We would love to make this a guided ride at the next District Rally!

Be safe out there!

James & Freida Clayson



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ACD's RAP

Friends, Fun, Safety, Knowledge

Hey U's!

I just want to touch on a few important items for your August riding. Please make sure that before you ride you do your safety check on your bike. I know you check all the fluids and your brake and clutch functions to insure it works and functions properly. But, I would like to see you check a little deeper and put that bike on the center stand and really look at your tires. Don't just put air and go but get on the ground and look for tire wear, the one thing that people don't look for is cracks between the tread or bubbles on the sidewall of the tire. Also, spin the wheel to look for wobbles or indentions in the tire. This is very important when you are riding on the hot August roads.

Also, as a reminder please take water with you on your trip because it is very hot this time of year. The one thing that riders don't think about is what if you break down in the middle of nowhere, with no store in sight to buy anything to drink. You are already half dehydrated and at this point you are hoping that someone will stop to help. Remember there are not many people who will stop to help a biker in distress. Well this has happened to me in the desert and it is no fun. Basically, what I am trying to convey to you is to be prepared for anything that could happen, because your life may depend on it.



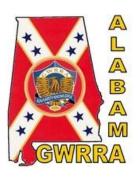




Patrick and Darnell Lapera Assistant Chapter Director



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