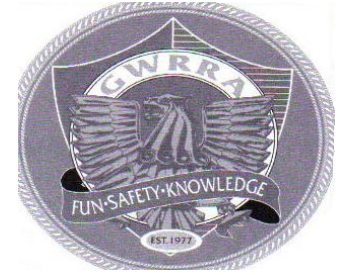




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June is here and hopefully the rain will let up.

I would like to welcome our new Rider Educators to Chapter D. Herman and Bonnie Burney have agreed to join us in this new role for them. Herman was previously with Chapter R. At Chapter R he served as Chapter Director. Herman brings years of experience as a Rider Ed instructor and MSF instructor. Herman has a lot of ideas on how to improve our Rider Ed Program. He will need your help and understanding on where we are at in the program and what we need to do to get to a higher level of participation and individual knowledge. So if he asks you a question that seems crazy he is learning about you and your abilities as a rider. We all have different levels of experience and abilities so work with him and let him get to know you. Fun, Safety and Knowledge is the motto of GWRRRA and we want to be the best Chapter in Alabama and They are going to help get us there.

We have a big month coming up for rides and fun. The Georgia Rally is the 11-13th in Hiawassee. We are going over to Helen on the 9th (Tuesday) after Laine gets off work so that we will be there to attend an Instructor Development seminar on Wednesday. Anyone that would like to ride over and ride with us up the Blue Ridge Parkway would be welcomed. We plan on attending the Rally on Thursday and leaving Friday morning on the ride. This ride will be a slow sightseeing ride with plenty of stops. We will stop for the night along the way as we come to a point where we get tired.

In other words NO plans NO hurry. Come join us.

Our weekly get together for ice cream or snacks is going great. We had 9 show for ice cream and war stories at Sonic on our first outing. Our outing at the Quintard Mall went well also. We had 12 get together for supper and fellowship. Maybe the next will have even more.

Remember Chapter T's Fun Day is Saturday June 6th 10 til 2 at the Brookwood Elem. We will meet at 7 am at Firestone in Oxford and ride to Lincoln to meet another group then ride to Chapter T. Come have a good time.

Rick & Elaine Lackey

Notes from the ACD's

Jim & Donna Preston

Jim and Donnas' trip west.

Day 1 May 24, 2009

Donna and I left Oxford at 07:15am, in a very light drizzle. Headed west on I-20 to Highway 78west on our way to Jonesboro AR. 393 miles later we stopped for the night in Jonesboro. As bad as we expected the weather to be, we only spent about 50 miles riding in the rain. The rest of the time it was just in overcast conditions. Most of today's journey was on 4 lane highways and we look forward to those back roads in AR and MO for the trip into Branson tomorrow. Had a great day which is the 1st of many more to follow in the next 2 months. Total miles to date: 393

Day 2 May 25, 2009

We departed Jonesboro AR at about 8:00am in overcast conditions with a good chance of rain. We made great time all on back roads and arrived in Branson at 12:45pm. We had another day like the first. Out of the 227 miles we rode today only about 30 of them were in a light drizzle. We have really been blessed with good riding weather even when all around us there seem to be rain. The only negative so far is that our GPS has gave up the ghost. Guess we just may have to go back to reading maps. Total miles to date: 620

Day 3 & 4 May 26/27, 2009

We spent the last 2 days just doing the tourist bit here in Branson. I won't bore you with the details however we did log 47 miles on the Trike. The one thing we did do was buy a new GPS. With the new map updates and the improvements in the GPS abilities I think we will be fine for the rest of the trip. Total miles to date: 667

Day 5 May 28, 2009

We have stopped in Syracuse Nebraska for the night. We left Branson about 7:00am headed north. About an hour and a half later my new GPS said "warning low Battery". I made the decision right quick that I had to have a power adapter installed in the left front pocket of the wing. I was not going to deal with a battery problem for the next 6 weeks. I looked in the POI of my new GPS and search "Honda". Bingo I found a Honda Goldwing friendly one in Independence MO. He got me right in when I got there and Donna and I walked next door and had Mexican for lunch. We came back in about 45 min and Old Yellow was ready to go. We received great service from a bunch of good guys. If you are ever in the area stop by Donnell's Motorcycles Inc. We logged 405 miles today. Total miles to date: 1112

Day 6 May 29, 2009

We are in Ogallala NE tonight having rode 295 miles today. We are beginning to see some of the things we came west to see. First stop today was in Aurora NE and the Plainsman Museum. If you are ever in the area this is one of the best museums that I have seen. Next stop was in Gothenburg NE to see one of the original Pony Express stations. Later in the day we stopped by the Ft McPherson National Cemetery. It was an impressive sight. Tomorrow we head up highway 26 towards Yellowstone. It looks like this will be the highlight of our trip so far. Total miles to date: 1407

Date 7 May 30, 2009

We have stopped for the night in Casper WY. We rode 328 miles today and made a couple of interesting stops. The first was at Chimney Rock National Historic site right out side of Bayard NE off route 26. Route 26 trough NE is a great route to see some interesting sites. The next big stop

(about 2 hours) was at Fort Laramie right out side of Lingle WY again on route 26. When we left there we headed into Casper and dodged a big thunder storm. As we pulled into the motel front under cover I might add the bottom fell out. So far for the 1735 miles we have ridden in the last 7 days we have only been in light rain for about 70 miles. God is looking out for us and we thank Him for it. Total miles to date: 1735

Date 8 May 30, 2009

We rode into Dubois WY and stopped around noon today having ridden 225 miles. This is the last place we could get a room before going into Yellowstone tomorrow. We check in at the Canyon Cabins tomorrow at 4:00 pm. We made it another day with out rain suits. That's a good thing. We rode through some beautiful country today. I've sent pictures to Bob for the internet so we hope you can all catch them when you have time. Total miles to date 1960

Kenneth & Veronica Campbell

Well looks like we are finally getting a break in the weather nice sunny days without rain. Some of us have made good use of those days by getting out on our bikes and having FUN while some of chose to stay home and cut grass and clean yards and do the windows and all that other non essential stuff. LOL

Most of you know George was in the hospital for a while but was supposed to come home Saturday afternoon. I will check on him later today. Van Hamilton was in an accident Thursday night and is in the hospital in Birmingham. The last report I got he was improving but would be a long recovery. Let's keep Van in our prayers and wish for a speedy recovery. By the way Van is 87 years young and still rides just about every day if that tells you young guys anything.

May turned out to be a pretty good month after getting off to a messy start. Some of us got to get out and visit some other chapters at there meeting places. Some of us visited Chapters N, Y, and T. We all need to visit more Chapters every month.

Our Ice cream night at the Sonic and the Big Cookie night in the mall turned out ok. We will have a couple more older members coming back. They thought the chapter had broken up and disbanded. We need to keep these things going. Thank you for the ones that participated. The rest just don't know what they missed. (Wink) I know we can't do them all if we did we would not have time for anything else.

I am going to keep this short and do a ride recap in another section.

Hope to see everyone at the meeting.

Ride Safe

Kenneth & Veronica

GWRRRA

AL-D ACD's

Rider Ed

Greetings

I would like to take this first opportunity as your New Rider Educator Director to acquaint you with Bonnie and I.

We are very excited to be selected to serve you, in what we feel is a very important role in AL-D Chapter.

App two years ago, I met Bonnie, and during our first date, (in April I believe), I asked her if she liked to ride motorcycles. She replied that she never had, but always thought it would be fun. I got out a spare helmet, and told her that I would give her a ride around the block, and see if she liked it. IT WAS COLD OUTSIDE.

Well, being the trooper that she is, she got on the back of the scoot, and away we went. I guess I should have told her that around the block, was about 5 miles as I lived in the country in Alpine, AL.

When we got close to being back to the house, she told me she wanted to ride a little more. So we went up to the Talladega Race Track before returning back home. It was colder still.

Since that day, Bonnie and I have been together and we have been riding. We don't get to ride as much as we would like to these days, but do ride when we can.

Last fall, Bonnie wanted to purchase something for the bike, so she bought us a new Aspen Classic Camper to pull behind the trailer and we love it. You will find us at many future rallies with our camper, loving life to the fullest.

Bonnie and I are both very safety conscience. We believe that safety comes through education, not only for motorcyclist, but also educating the public about motorcyclist.

It is going to take a little bit to establish a training program. We are going to be looking at the past training records and attempting to decide as to what training is needed for the maximum effect.

We hope that all of Chapter D members become active in the Rider Skill Programs. All are eligible for Level I and most are eligible for Level II programs. There are several that are eligible for Level III and a few that need some basic requirements such as CPR and First Aid, and enrollment in Level III for one year to qualify as Master Riders. We hope to be able to get most of you to that level.

We believe in having fun on our rides. And one of the best ways to help insure fun, is to be safe. We will learn how to ride in groups, always using a staggered formation, and during some of our rides, we will practice moving from staggered to single file and back to staggered formation. We will practice communications without radio equipment for our friends who have no desire to own a CB but want to ride with us. We will always attempt to follow Safe Practice Guidelines as established by GWRRA, and often will break into two or more groups, depending on number of bikes, with preferably 5 and no more than 7 bikes per group, with each group having its own leader and tail gunner.

You will often see Bonnie and I 'out riding' as we observe the movement and flow of the group, when we can safely do so.

Bonnie will be quick to tell you, that I am a big parking lot practice, (PLP) fan. Even when it is just me, or her and I, we will usually end up doing a few figure 8's, some slow turns, quick stops, and a few other PLP maneuvers, It will keep you in practice, and there is usually an open spot away from the flow of traffic in most parking lots. TRY IT, IT WORKS.

If you have a particular item that you wish to be trained on, or think that someone else needs training on, please let me know. I have pulled a trailer for the last 10 years and been riding a motorcycle since app 1969. I may not be acquainted with a Trike, but we will have classes that deal with trike riding and the different safety aspects from an experienced Trike rider.

In closing, I would once again like to say Thank You to Rick, the ACD's, the staff and you, the members for welcoming us into your Chapter as the Rider Educator. We will do the best job we can. We don't know all of the answers and I MAY give incorrect information, but we will correct it as soon as we can. If I don't know something, I will be the first to say so.

Now join us in Rider Education, and let's learn something and have fun while doing so.

God Bless.

Herman Burney Jr.

Ride safe & have Fun!

"Motorcycle Wisdom"

Four wheels move the body.

Two wheels move the soul

Life may begin at 30, but it doesn't get real interesting until about 60 mph

You start the game of life with a full pot of luck and an empty pot of experience.

The object is to fill the pot of experience before you empty the pot of luck.

If you wait,

all that happens is that you get older.

Midnight bugs taste just as bad as

noon time bugs.

Saddlebags can never hold everything you want, but they CAN hold everything you need.

It takes more love to share the saddle than it does to share the bed.

The only good view of a thunderstorm is in your rear view mirror.

Don't ride so late into the night that you sleep through the sunrise.

Sometimes it takes a whole tank of fuel before you can think straight.

Riding faster than everyone else only guarantees you'll ride alone.

Never hesitate to ride past the last street light at the edge of town.

Never do less than forty miles before breakfast.

One bike on the road is worth two in the garage.

Respect the person who has seen the dark side of motorcycling and lived.

Young riders pick a destination and go.

Old riders pick a direction and go.

A good mechanic will let you watch without charging you for it.

Sometimes the fastest way to get there is to stop for the night.

Whatever it is, it's better to do it in the wind.

Two-lane blacktop isn't a highway,

It's an attitude.

When you look down the road it seems to never end, but you better believe, it does.

Winter is nature's way to tell you to polish.

Motorcycle boots are NOT comfortable for walking. That's why they are called

"Motorcycle boots."

People are like motorcycles; each is customized a bit differently.

Sometimes the best communication happens when you are on separate bikes.

Good coffee should be indistinguishable from 50 weight motor oil.

The best alarm clock is sunshine on chrome.

A friend is someone who'll get out of bed at

2 a. m. to drive his pickup to the middle of nowhere to get you when you're broken
down.

Catching a yellow jacket in your shirt at 70 mph can double your vocabulary.

If you want to get somewhere before sundown, you can't stop at every tavern.

There's something ugly about a NEW bike on a trailer.

Be careful. Don't argue with an 18-wheeler,
a bus or even a car.

Never be ashamed to unlearn an old habit.

A long ride can clear your mind; restore your faith and use up a lot of fuel.

If you can't get it going with bungee cords, wire and electrician's tape, it's serious.

If you ride like there's no tomorrow,
there won't be.

Bikes parked out front mean good chicken-fried steak inside.

There are old riders. And there bold riders. There are NO old, bold riders.

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 the car window.

There are two types of people in this world; people who ride motorcycles and people
who wish they could ride motorcycles.

Never try to race an old Geezer; he may have one more gear than you.

Gray-haired riders don't get that way from pure luck.

District News
From theDD

Welcome to the monsoons. We are working on rain 5 weekends in a row. June is coming fast and with it a full calendar of events for all who would like to ride and be entertained. There are Fun Days, Poker Runs, Rallies and all within 200 miles of most of us. Please check the calendar and plan to go and make new friends and get re acquainted with old ones.

The South Carolina Rally was a great time for all. We had a tire mess up on the way home and was saved by Buddy and Kim Summer, SC ADD's and just wonderful people. They rode 5 hours to get a tire for us and Gene Olsen of the Myrtle Beach Chapter sat around on a Sunday waiting to open his shop so we could change it (he did ALL the work). They would not let us reimburse them for anything so we at least got to buy them dinner. We had a Great time and met a lot of wonderful people. A special Thank you to the folks that hung around the Comfort Inn & Suites with us.

The South picnic went really good thanks to Chapter L (Paul, the Cook, and Gladys, the Ambassador, Luker) and all the folks who attended. We had a total of 93 from 12 Chapters, A, B, F, G, J, L, M, N, T, U, W and Y. Chapter J had the largest crowd and Roy and Diane had to leave early to go to the beach for their Anniversary. We had several door prizes and 4 watermelons that would fit in the box on the bike; we even gave away a gallon of baked beans (before anyone says anything they were in the can).

Thanks to all and we are really looking forward to seeing all of you out on the road.

Please remember that Freedom isn't Free and remember our folks who are in Harm's Way, be they Military, Law Enforcement, EMTs or Firemen.

The next time you think about riding, call a friend, they are probably thinking the same thing.

Coconut bars

1/2 Cup margarine or butter

1/2 Cup brown sugar

1 Cup flour

Work together like pie dough, press into a non-stick 9x13 pan. Bake 10 min at 325.

Mix together:

1 cup sugar

2 eggs

1 tsp vanilla

1/2 tsp baking powder

1/4 tsp salt

1 1/2 cup coconut

1 cup chopped pecans

Place over the top of crust, spread around with a spatula. Bake 20 minutes at 325. Cool thoroughly before cutting to bars

Monthly Meeting—1st Thursday night of each month—Western Sizzlin in Oxford---eat at 6:00pm meet at 7:00pm