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Chapter Director



To start off, I was overwhelmed at the Chapter attendance and more could have come. We had a good turn out and with the surprise visit from Howard and Michele Bradley. I gave Howard the floor and he admitted that he had had a couple of heart attacks but is doing well at this point. He still has his bike and plans for him and Michele to go on future rides. Work at the sand and gravel quarry is still time consuming for both. Once again good to see them both once again.

Keep in mind that the Tannahill picnic will be this weekend and plans are the DaNell, Johnny, Jane and Danny Cone and others will be boogying up to it and kicking up a-little conversation with others and having hamburgers and hot dogs. There is a slight charge. The latest on Danny Cone it as follows. ((From Jane Cone)) Danny is still waiting to hear from UAB for a surgery date! He is in constant pain, but keeps on going! I don't think I could do it. Thanks for asking about him. We will be thinking of him and prayers go out to him.

Jon Sharpton had some discussion on hats and shirts and the colors and so-forth. We need some more discussion on this matter to come up with good, positive ideas. Also. select shirts and colors for them and let's not forget hats, which some members are also desiring.

After the meeting, I came back inside and started a conversation with Marty Bean the owner of Front Porch Bar and Grill, in reference to a Christmas get-together for our chapter. He was most willing to have us at his place and was suggested that the second week in Dec. was a convenient time line for him and the restaurant. And most likely he would serve our group only for the gathering.. The menu was open, make a selection off the menu or better yet have a set dish that we would want served. (((Our selections as to what we wanted. Turkey, dressing or steaks, fried chicken or what-ever.))) It's up to us and he was most willing to accommodate us menu wise.

We hope to have Ralph back after his trip to Canada and give us an update on it. And was most surprised that Lee didn't go with him on the trip and to have her attendance at the last meeting. She was talking about her little dogs and the pleasure of there company. I'm sure that they will be a real hand full or at least will be in the future !!! Maybe we will have a mascot with them little buggers.

Don't forget the upcoming meeting this coming Tuesday at Front Porch Bar and Grill, Millbrook.

Until then.

Tom Wesenberg
Chapter Director Q



Alabama District Director

We started out with Wing Ding and haven't slowed down since. We spent 2 nights in Memphis eating Ribs and desserts. We recommend Blues City Café on Beall Street, the ribs are wonderful but the fried apple pie with ice cream is divine. We got to see a street show with young men and boys tumbling down the street, they were really good. On Saturday we went into a store on Beall Street that had a little bit of everything in it. We spent an hour trying on funny hats. Some were Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, worms, big 40 gallon hat; they even had a Flying Pig Hat. We rode the Pig Trail in Arkansas, went site seeing in Eureka Springs, Precious Moments Museum in Missouri, the location of the demise of the Dalton's in Coffeyville, Kansas, the Little House on the Prairie outside of Independence, a Dairy Queen in Neodesha and made time to put flowers on my Grandparents graves; Thanks Frank and Linda for the company. Frank finally got to see some flat land from his bike and Linda kept her sense of humor through it all.

We finally made it to Tulsa coming in from the north riding on Route 66. The first stop was the hotel and the second was the western shops around the corner. We had Alabama folks that worked ticket sales Wed thru Sun, we want to thank all of you who worked very much. While working you get to meet a lot of people, see old friends and make new ones that you will meet down the road.

We made history for Alabama last Saturday, we had 9 members start the Rider's Coach Training and I have put the information in for all to see what is needed to help us finish. If you can afford the time we could use some Guinea pigs, I mean students. This is the practice-teaching session for Alabama District's first Rider Coach candidate training. The ARC will be conducted by the Rider Coach candidates but will be supervised by Mike Stiger, who is the National Rider Education Director, and Ron Lantz, who is Assistant National Rider Education Director. The ARC is GWRRA's version of MSF's Experienced Rider Course (ERC). All GWRRA Riders and Co-Riders are encouraged to attend.

Advanced Rider Course (ARC) 1-up or 2-up
August 30, 2009 Starts @ 8 a.m. Ends at 5 p.m.

Madison County Executive Airport
358 Bolling Road, Meridianville, AL 35759

Cost: \$30 per bike

Riders and Co-Riders who complete the ARC will receive a completion card.

For those who can, the 2nd Annual Alabama & Tennessee BIG BURGER Ride -- Multi-district gathering at Randy's Restaurant in Trenton, GA. Home of 48oz hamburger sounds like a good time.

Please don't forget the picnic at Tannehill State Park on the 8th of August from 10:00 until 2:00 and it will be \$5.00 per person. We will provide all the food except desserts, if you have some please bring them with you. CDs, please bring some door prizes with you. We had a great turn out in the south and are looking for a bunch at Tannehill.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at some of these gatherings or all of them if you can.

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.

Please ride Safe and Often,

Roy and Anita Fosnight

AL District Directors

Thoughts and Prayers

Johnny Macon had heart cath. and all seems well there were some restrictions on his work schedule but is doing fine.

DaNell Macon going in for check-up

Danny Cone keep Danny in your prayers for future and upcoming surgery on his knee once again.

Jon and Melody

Martha and Her Mom

Birthdays in this month

Grant Harris's son 8/5/09

Jerry Meeks 8/10/09

Education ARC coming up

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Please contact Jim Robinson, AL District Educator, at 256-582-3108 or email at Educator@alabama-gwrro.org to secure your spot in the course.

Monthly Events

August - 2009

- 6, Thu - -T-O-D-A-Y-
 - [AL-D Anniston \(Model City Wings\) Meeting](#) -- [Western Sizzlin](#), Hamric Dr, Oxford- Eat 6:00pm / Meet 7:00pm
 - [GWRRA - KY District Rally](#) (Thru Saturday)
 - [World's Longest Yard Sale](#) (Thru Sunday) -- *Covington, KY to Gadsden, AL* (Warning: Heavy Congestion)
 - Dairy Queen - [Miracle Treat Day](#) -- *All proceeds for purchased Blizzards are donated to Children's Miracle Network Hospital*
 - Hiroshima A-Bomb 64th Anniversary
- 7, Fri - [AL-J Tuscaloosa \(Bama Wings\) Meeting](#) -- [The Front Porch Restaurant](#) Highway 43, Northport - Eat 6:00pm / Meet 7:00pm

- 8, Sat - [AL District Picnic \(North\)](#) -- *10am-2pm - [Tannehill State Park](#), McCalla*
- 9, Sun - [Sturgis Rally](#) (Starts on 3rd) -- *Sturgis, SD*
- Nagasaki A-Bomb 64th Anniversary
- 10, Mon - AL-E Anderson Meeting -- [Fish Creel](#), *Highway 207, Anderson- Eat 6:30pm / Meet 7:00pm*
- Missouri became 24th state -- *1821*
- 31st President Herbert Hoover's Birthday -- *1874*
- 11, Tue - AL-Q Millbrook (Coosa River Wings) Meeting -- [Front Porch Grill](#), *County Rd 7 north of Highway 14, Millbrook- Eat 6:00pm / Meet 6:30pm*
- [AL-B Huntsville \(Rocket City Wings\) Meeting](#) -- [Ryan's](#), *South Memorial Parkway, Huntsville- Eat 6:00pm / Meet 7:00pm*
- [AL-U Dothan \(Cruisin' U's\) Meeting](#) -- [Golden Corral](#), *Highway 231, On the circle, Dothan - Eat 6:00pm / Meet 7:00pm*
- [AL-Y Birmingham \(Liberty Wings\) Meeting](#) -- [Neighborhood Sports Grill](#), *Hwy 11 Near I-459, Trussville - Eat 6:00pm / Meet 7:00pm*
- 12, Wed - IBM Personal Computer Announced -- *1981*
- 13, Thu - [AL-Z Prattville \(Fountain City Wings\) Meeting](#) -- [Ryan's](#), *Cobbs Ford Road, Prattville - Eat 6:00pm / Meet 7:00pm*
- Berlin Wall Erected -- *48th Anniversary*
- Left-Handers Day (International)
- 14, Fri - V-J-Day 64th Anniversary
- Social Security Act -- *1935*
- 15, Sat - [AL-H Athens \(Athens Eagle Wings\) Meeting](#) -- [Alabama Veterans Museum and Archives](#), *West Pryor St, next to RR tracks, Athen- Eat 8:00am / Meet 8:45am*
- [Watermelon Festival](#) -- *Franklin County*
- Assumption Day
- 16, Sun - AL-L Monroeville Meeting -- [Pizza Hut](#), *South Highway 21 Bypass, Monroeville- Eat 2:00pm / Meet 2:30pm*
- Elvis Memorial Day -- *1977*
- 17, Mon - Davy Crockett's Birthday -- *1786*
- 18, Tue - [AL-S Russellville \(Cedar Creek Wings\) Meeting](#) -- [Jonathan's Steak House](#), *Highway 43, Russellville - Eat 6:30pm / Meet 7:00pm*
- 19, Wed - 42nd President William Clinton's Birthday -- *1946*
- Aviation Day -- *Orville Wright's birthday- 1871*
- 20, Thu - [AL-F Montgomery \(Capitol City Wings - F Troop\) Meeting](#) -- [Chappy's Deli](#), *Pepper Tree Mall, Montgomery- Eat 6:00pm / Meet 7:00pm*
- 23rd President Benjamin Harrison's Birthday -- *1833*
- New Moon
- 21, Fri - [AL-T Bucksville \(Tri-County Wings\) Meeting](#) -- [Plaza Cafe](#), *Exit 100 off Interstate 59- Eat 6:00pm / Meet 7:00pm*
- [Sturgis Mississippi Rally](#)
- Hawaii became 50th state -- *1959*
- 22, Sat - [Chapter-G & Jackson Honda Fun Raiser](#) -- [Jackson Honda](#), *Andalusia- Reg: \$15 - Poker run, games- benefiting Ride for Kid:*
- 23, Sun - Virgo
- 24, Mon - [Iron Butt Rally](#)
- 25, Tue - [AL-I Decatur \(Point Mallard Wings\) Meeting](#) -- [Tony's Country Cooking](#), *6th Avenue SE, Decatur - Eat 6:00pm / Meet 6:45pm*
- [AL-A Mobile \(Dixie Wings - Alabama's First Chapter\) Meeting](#) -- [Morrison Cafeteria](#), *I-65 and Airport Blvd, Mobile- Eat 6:00pm / Meet 7:00pm*
- 26, Wed - Women's Suffrage Day -- *Women's Right to Vote 1920*
- 27, Thu - [AL-X Alabaster \(Mid-State Wings\) Meeting](#) -- [Golden Corral](#), *Off of Highway 119 and I65,*

Pelham - Eat 6:30pm / Meet 7:30pm

- 36th President Lyndon B. Johnson's Birthday -- **1908**
 - 28, Fri - Dream Day -- ***Martin Luther King Jr. "I have a dream" 1963***
 - 29, Sat - Rock & Roll Day
 - First Scout Camp Opened -- **1934**
 - 30, Sun - Advanced Rider Course (ARC) -- **8am-5pm - 1up or 2up - Cost \$30/bike - Madison County Executive Airport- [358 Bolling Road, Meridianville, AL 35751](#) - Contact: [Jim Robinson](#)**
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