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Happy New Year!



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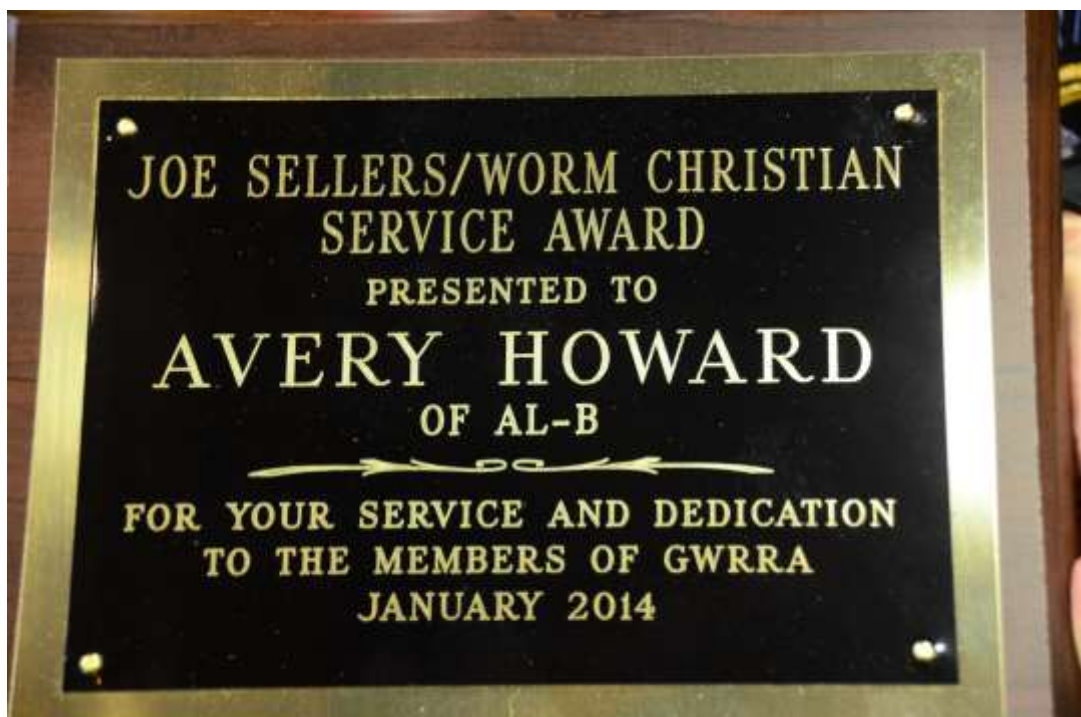
International **Couple** of the Year for 2012/13

International **Recruiter** of the year for 2012

Avery Howard is **Chapter B's**
Individual of the Year 2013!

And Alabama's Joe Seller's Mem-
ber of the Year Award Winner!

Snowball 2014



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their team

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All Aboard!

January 2014

Keep Chugg'n (Choo-Choo)

Trains are nostalgic. Looking back at older pictures, the feelings of nostalgia begin to seep in. The **lifecycle of Chapter B's history slightly resembles the effect of a train, or better yet a steam locomotive.** What do you think about when you hear a distant train whistle? Something is coming, right? Something **huge. Something that can make you stop in your tracks, because it's in its tracks and moving on. Ironic. Chapter B is like a steam locomotive. It's a force; it's coming on strong. Like a steam locomotive, the more** steam you build up, the faster you can go and the momentum essentially just carries you on through the year. When you slow down, make changes, and then have to restart, it can be a challenge.

Starting off on a new year with new changes can be a little disorienting. Steven and I want to just say that we do not need to lose any momentum. We just need to keep on chuggin'. Our Chapter just needs to stay focused and keep our eyes on new and bigger things to do. Like you always hear, you just need to keep it FUN. This is just a true statement which is why you hear it so much. In order to keep the FUN, we have to keep the members motivated. With the economy in a state of unrest, with dismal winter blues, and short days, it's hard to stay motivated, which is why it is so crucial that we get creative. We need new ideas, new suggestions, and a desire to want it to work. We can't do it by ourselves. The Chapter is a Team. As a Team, we need to stick together and face any potential challenges head on. We need to be a Team with Steam!! We need your input. It's your Chapter, so why not give us some input. Don't be afraid to say anything. If you want to mention something anonymously, just write it down and put it in a suggestion box. We will take everyone's comments serious, even if they come from Greg Dempsey. We are a fantastic Chapter. We have achieved many great things together. We are an International Chapter Of the Year--- that speaks volumes. For Steven and I to be in the position as Chapter Directors for Chapter B is an absolute honor. We just hope we can live up to the expectations. We want to continue pushing Chapter B members towards great things. Our success is a shared experience. Our doors are always opened. If you need anything, let us know. If you would like to see something changed, let us or one of our staff members know. Don't sit on your hands and not speak up because we aren't mind readers. Our intentions are to have FUN, and encourage others to have FUN in the Chapter. We have had some good experiences and we know a fair bit about what might and might not work. We are here and we will listen. If it works, we'll keep doing it. If it isn't a popular experience, then we won't do it anymore. We have a few surprises in store for you for 2014. We hope that you will enjoy them.

So **here's to a NEW YEAR in 2014! Keep pushing forward. Keep the steam pump'n. We'll just follow** you to wherever you want to go. We are excited about what the year has in store for us. If you came up with **a new year's resolution, we hope it works out for you. Our new year's resolution is to ride more and find new places to ride. Let's put some miles on our motorcycles. Last year, Steven & I just put on pounds instead of miles. We've gotten off-track. We see ourselves heading towards a train wreck...called bad health. Getting out and feeling the breeze, seeing the trees, turning the keys...that's a much better plan or if you prefer, a better resolution. We came into this Association to ride! So let's ride! Choo-choo...keep chugg'n. We have some new ride coordinators (Roger & Peggy Allen) and they've been given the directive** to take us on some new adventures. If you have any suggestions for rides, send Roger & Peggy an email. Cheers to new adventures and tracking new trails! Happy New Year everyone.

Catch the Buzz! Chapter B Buzz!

Steven & Tammy

AL-B Chapter Directors

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From the ACDs Aaron & Pat Lambert



Hello and a happy New Year to all.

Pat and I want to say thanks for the support you gave us as your Chapter Educators in 2013.

We agreed to step up as your ACDs after Steven and Tammy talked to us and explained what they envisioned for the chapter as the CDs. Together with the rest of **your staff (team) we are looking forward to a great year in Chapter B's history.**

We had another great ride on New Years Day. Steven as the lead and Greg as the tail did another great job on the ride. Pat grew up in and around Huntsville but was as lost as I was at times on the ride. All we know is it was some beautiful mountain twisty roads.

On that note, in talking with Roger at breakfast new yrs. day, he has some great roads mapped out for our rides. I have been the ride coordinator in other chapters, and **I know that job is a tough one when you don't have a clue where the** members really want to ride to and what they like to do on the rides. Please help us support Roger by letting him know some places you would like to visit or roads you like to travel on with the group.

We want to say a special congratulations to Avery as our chapter individual of the year, 2013. and as the District Individual of the year. He has done an all around outstanding job for our chapter and the District of Alabama.

Ride Safe and Often

Aaron & Pat

Faye and Walter Gersch

JANUARY NEWS FROM 2013 COUPLE OF THE



Hello again for the month of December. It sure did fly by as the rest of our days. December was an exciting month with lots of activities. It included my **birthday on the 4th and Walt's birthday** on the 15th. We went to lots of new interesting places to eat. My company Christmas party was December the 7th. That was also Game night at Jake and **Kathy's house. Heard they had a great** time. The biggest event of the month was our Chapter Christmas Party which was on the 14th. We met at IHOP for breakfast to give us energy to decorate at the Huntsville Christian Academy, which Reggie has so graciously let us use for the last several years. We put up the Christmas tree and decorations, all to Christmas music. It was so much fun and really got us in the spirit of Christmas. We met back there for the party and so much food, friends and fun was had by all. We had dirty Santa after the meal and, as always, there was one gift that made the rounds numerous times. A beautiful diamond necklace that everyone wanted.

Made a good bit of money on that one, for the Chapter. Not many rides because of the weather, mostly rainy. It was a chilly and damp cold. No Chapter Gathering since we had the Christmas party but Walt did win the participation money at the Christmas Party, so that was nice. It does pay to go to the events that are scheduled, even if you have to go in the car. The best part is getting to see everyone. We did have a change in our leaders for the Chapter. Steve and Tammy Hollingsworth are now our Chapter Directors and I know it will be a wonderful New Year. Greg and Renee are taking over as the Computer specialists, so that will right down their alley. We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas being with your families is the greatest gift of all. I got to spend time with my family in Nashville, **which, I don't get to do often enough.** On the 31st of December we all met at Cracker Barrel for breakfast and our end of the year ride for 2013. It was a very chilly morning and not good for riding. Only a few bikes showed up, but we rode ours. I got a chance to try my new ski pants to wear over my regular pants and they worked just fine. I think we only had three bikes. Walt and I, Steven and Aaron and Pat. What an invigorating ride. I had to go in to work at noon and no one else wanted to go on **a ride so we had a great New Year's Eve.** Looking forward to what the New Year has in store for our Chapter and our lives. I am sure it will be great.

HAPPY NEW
from Walt and Faye



Avery Howard
Membership Enhancement
Coordinator

WOW!!! Where has the year gone??? It seems only yesterday we were going on the 1st day of the year ride for 2013 and now here the 1st day of the year ride for 2014 is now behind us.

I'm looking forward to a great year for our Chapter.

So many things have taken place this past **year, it's difficult to remember everything.** From Snowball in January to our annual Christmas party in December. Chapter B received many accolades during the year. We became District, Region and International Chapter of the Year. Jake Lawyer got International Recruiter of the Year. We also had International Couple of the Year. I **know I'm forgetting something.**

Avery Howard

MEC

Staff Photographer.

Other events included bonfires, rides, dinners, rallies, Wing Ding, Plaque Run and a **host of other things I can't remember.**

In closing I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Also I want to say a big THANK YOU for selecting me as the 1st Individual of the Year for Chapter B.



Hello to all,

We have enjoyed being the newsletter editors in 2013 and look forward to doing it again in 2014.

Let me say that we could build a better newsletter with your help. We need your input. Tell us about the rides and dinners or other events that **you enjoy. You don't have to do the writing, call** us or tell us when you see us and we will write it up for you.

Believe it or not people are interested in what we are doing. We all like hearing adventures and good times had by others. We may learn of places or events we may want to try for ourselves.

Well till next month,
Ride Safe and often
Newsletter Editors
Aaron & Pat Lambert



Where did we go? If you don't know then you missed out on a lot of F U N!







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— August 2013 —



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As hard as it is to believe, we are in the holiday season for 2013! Happy Thanksgiving everyone. My family and I wish you a very happy, healthy and joyous season. The following is the "Official" description of two holidays occurring in November. Wikipedia is the source.

Thanksgiving Day is a national holiday celebrated primarily in the United States and Canada as a day of giving thanks for the blessing of the harvest and of the preceding year. Several other places around the world observe similar celebrations. It is celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November in the United States and on the second Monday of October in Canada. Thanksgiving has its historical roots in religious and cultural traditions, and has long been celebrated in a secular manner as well.

Veterans Day is an official United States holiday which honors people who have served in the armed services. It is a federal holiday that is observed on November 11. It coincides with other holidays such as Armistice Day and Remembrance Day, which are celebrated in other parts of the world and also marks the anniversary of the end of World War I. (Major hostilities of World War I were formally ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, when the Armistice with Germany went into effect.)

In Canada, Remembrance Day, this year also celebrated on November 11th, members of the armed forces (soldiers, sailors and airmen) are commemorated. Some 100,000 Canadian soldiers died in the First and Second World Wars. Remembrance Day is a federal statutory holiday (except in NL, NWT, ON and QC) as it is in most other countries in the world where this day is observed on the national level.

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Including my thankfulness for all I have been blessed with this lifetime, I am also reminded of all veterans who have served around the world for their countries. All my fellow veterans here in the US and Canada are close to my heart this month as we celebrate and remember their service. Thank you!



Region "A" Directors
Jim & Sue Jackson

Happy New Year and we hope you had the best Christmas ever. Well, here we are blasting off in 2014 with new hopes, dreams, planned riding tours, rallies/conventions to attend and GWRRA good-times to accomplish. Of course 2013 is still fresh and warm in our minds since it was only a couple of days ago all of us was involved in closing out 2013.

December 7th and 8th we completed the Region 'A' Officer Conference at the beautiful LakePoint Lodge and Convention Center in Eufaula, Alabama. We had approximately 85 Region and District Officers along with their Staff attend this years Conference. The Conference theme was "Re-Dedication" which seemed very appropriate after a long year with a few trials and tribulations. Sometimes as Officers we begin to overlook small details of management that should be attended or handled on the spot or within a reasonable length of time. When we let those small details slide it begins a downward trend to our management styles thus the "Re-Dedication" theme where all of us must re-direct all our best efforts back to the best management style that we can muster in managing Region, District and Chapter levels. If you haven't already, please "Re-Dedicate" yourself to the best management style for Region, District and Chapter levels that you can afford. After all that's what we do as GWRRA managers.

This Conference was filled with information and data pertaining to the management of the District and Region. Each Region Staff Member made a presentation of pertinent timely data in their area of expertise. Each presentation was excellent. The District Directors gave us a "Snap-Shot" view of how their District faired during 2013 along with their goals and plans for 2014. Very interesting. I must blow our horn a little. We have a bodacious team of District Directors and their dedicated Staff go above and beyond in complete management of the District business.

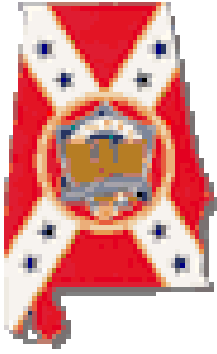
January puts the Regional Staff on the road almost every weekend. January 4, we have the Florida and Mississippi Officer Conferences being presented and of course there will be Regional Staff at each of these Conferences in a support capacity. Florida will have Region Members, Rick/Madalena Buck, Ed Porter, Ron/Pam Lantz and our Deputy Director-East Bob/Nan Shrader. Mississippi will have Sue and myself along with Buddy Shirley. January 11, Alabama and South Carolina Conferences will be presented and of course Regional Staff Members will be attending these Conferences in a support capacity as well. Regional Members Roy/Anita Fosnight along Linda/David Snyder will be in attendance of the Alabama Conference. South Carolina will be supported by Chuck/Anne Reed and Sue and myself. January 18, will feature the Georgia Officer Conference with Regional support of Sue and myself, and Chuck/Anne Reed at this Conference. January 25, will put Sue and myself in Salem, VA for a Regional Conference for all the Regions

East of the Mississippi River. Sort of glad that January only contained 4 weekends or we might have had another commitment in January. Of course all of these District Officer Conferences are vital to the management of the Districts and Chapters and each District and Chapter Staff are encouraged to attend these important Conferences. Naturally, if there are any questions or constructive comments to be made, your District Officer Conference is the avenue for this direction.

One very important point made during the Regional Conference, was a matrix introduced in the delegate packet highlighting every Rally/Convention that would be held in Region 'A' during 2014. The idea is to have this matrix appear in every Newsletter and Website in Region 'A' "each month" until the event has past. This information is vital in getting the dates of the Rally/Convention events into each Member's hand in the Region. Further, please encourage each Member in the Region to consider supporting their home District and Region Rally/Conventions during 2014. These Rally/Conventions are fun, interesting and offer many benefits that are only received during a rally or convention. Each Rally/Convention has it's own unique personality and no two of them are alike. Hey, pick a couple of events and come out and support your District and Region.

Warmest Regards,

Jim & Sue



-- District Directors

Robert & Gail Brown

January, 2014. It is hard to believe that 2013 is now gone and in the history books. We hope that everyone made it safely through the holiday season and that Ole Saint Nick brought you everything you needed. If he brought us everything we wanted, why ask for anything at all.

The New Year is beginning with Alabama Chapter D and a little Birthday Party. January 2nd marks the 30th anniversary of their chapter. They will be celebrating at their regular meeting place, Western Sizzlin' in Oxford. Dinner is at 6 P.M. and the meeting begins at 7. Everyone is invited to attend this special occasion. This is an event worth attending, and hopefully, we will see many of you there.

January 11th will be our Snowball and Officers' Meeting. This will be held at the Doster Community Center in Prattville, Al. The Snowball Rally will begin at 8 A.M. and should be finished close to Noon. After a break for lunch, the Annual Officers Meeting will begin. All Chapter Directors please encourage all of your Team to be in attendance for this meeting. As always there will be refreshments, games, door prizes and a 50/25/25 drawing. Gail and I are looking forward to seeing you there.

Several Chapters in Alabama have already planned for their Fun Days in 2014. At one time, almost every Chapter had some form of Fun Day activity. It not only benefits your chapter financially but is an opportunity for chapters to come together and get to know each other better. If you are thinking about scheduling an event, please let us know. We try to plan these activities so they do not happen on other Region Rallies or another chapter's Fun Day.

Once again, we look forward to seeing all of you at Snowball. If you need anything or have any questions, please do not hesitate to give us a call.

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Whats Happening in Chapter B

Coming soon:

Medic First Aid and CPR Jan 18th at Roy and Anita's Home

We will also teach the MAD (we need this class in order to move up in the levels program.)

Come ride with Us!



Ride Schedule

January

25, Sat Chapter Ride -- Ride to Huntland, TN. Meet at Moores Mill Shell to leave at 10:30am. All rides are weather permitting.

Feb.

1 Sat Chapter Ride -- Ride to Lynnville, TN. Meet at Jeff Road and Hwy.53 to leave at 10:30AM.

8 Sat Chapter Event -- Come to AL-B's Valentine's Day Party

15 Sat Chapter Ride -- Ride to Boaz, Crossville, Guntersville State Park. Meet at S. Parkway Kangaroo (Mt. Gap & S. Parkway) to leave at 10:30am.

22 Sat Chapter Ride -- Ride to Scottsboro, Grant, and Honey Comb. Meet at Moore's Mill Shell to leave at 10am.

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