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A Few Notes

-- *From the Chapter Directors*

Well we made it through another month of activities and, of course, the Region Rally.

So how'd that go? I'm hoping that everyone had a great time and the ride was memorable. I know we've been experiencing lower than normal temperatures that has allowed us to enjoy the rides even more.

Shirley and I unfortunately had to forfeit this year in Eufaula because of personal things that came up (even though we were registered and had reservations). It was hard to miss the only Region Rally **sense we've been** members. We know that there will be other rallies and gatherings and hopefully situations will allow us to participate.

Although it's been a tough month for Shirley and I and we still appreciate and want to recognize all those that have been considerate and helping to keep the Chapter special.

I'd like to say that this month will be better than last; however, **I can only say that I'll** keep my priorities in check so we can continue to enjoy the ride. Please be safe when **you're on the road solo or with friends. I'll be thinking** about our next opportunity to put some miles on the **pavement. Till then, "keep the** rubber on the road for the

next ride"....

Appreciate all of the staff and members that continue to sacrifice their time in **making Chapter "B" Number One.....**



Steve and Shirley Kremer
Chapter "B" Directors

Do you have an article that should have been posted here?



Faye and Walter Gersch

AUGUST NEWS FROM 2013 COUPLE OF THE



This has been a most unusual August in 2013. It is normally in the 100 degree range and sweat to high heaven, but this year has been hard to find a decent weekend to ride. We did tough it out on some rides and braved the rain or went around it. Our first ride of **August was to Colbert's Ferry Landing on the Natchez Trace.** We had planned a picnic so some took picnic lunch and then we talked about stopping to get food. Some of the guys went to get food and others ate while the storm clouds built up. Steven Hollingsworth twisted and turned us away from the rain. We almost ran into it and then turned left away from the rain that was right ahead. It took a while to get there but was truly a nice ride. We planned a ride to Lookout Mountain but only a few rode so Ron Thomas led and he did a darn good job. We did make one wrong turn though and instead of Lookout Mountain we went to Mentone, which was fabulous. We found a nice restaurant to eat in Crossville **that gave biker's a 10% discount and the food** was really good home cooking. Mentone as always, was awash with trinkets and collectibles. No trip there is complete without the famous ice cream, and of course, we had a nice tall, cool cone.

We had our Rocket City Wings gathering on our usual 2nd Tuesday of the month and still, we are having a very good turnout. I have **begun working every day so I don't get to ride** as much but Walt picks me up from work on the bike when it is decent and not threatening rain. I love to ride in the country and I guess our favorite ride is in Tennessee. So many pretty mountain roads.

Our next ride we scheduled was to Helen, Ga. We were, so looking forward to it. It turned out the Harley people beat us to it and there was not a hotel room to be found. I am sure if we did find one, it would have been terribly crowded so we decided not to go there. I guess it was for the best because I had family to come in from East Tennessee for the weekend. We love to eat so I spent a good bit of time cooking. We enjoyed their company **but don't get to see them near enough. We** had rides to dinner but some of those were in the car, because of storms. We still enjoyed it very much.

We found out that our dear friend, Avery, starting on chemo in August and so far he has had three treatments and off for two weeks and starts back again on Sept. 9th. Please, all keep him in your prayers because chemo does **make you extremely weak and food isn't very** appetizing. It will last for six months so we hope he makes it through with flying colors and the problems will be gone.

Weekend of 23rd and 24th we had Trike Training. Very Hot. Nice dinner in the evening at the Rocking Chair in Tuscumbia. On the 31st, Sat., Walter led eight bikes on a beautiful ride through Fayetteville, Huntland, back down Hwy 65 to Princeton where a mommy doe decided to feed her baby in the middle of the road. Ice cream at DQ, of course, Scottsboro, Hwy 35 to So. Sauty down H227 to Gunterville dodging rain again. Paul went on his



Avery Howard
Membership Enhancement
Coordinator

Although August was busy, it didn't seem quite as busy as July. We had several rides on the schedule and of course the normal **dinners. I didn't get to go on any of the** rides due to bike being down a few days and lately medical reasons. I guess the biggest ride was the annual burger run to **Randy's in Trenton, GA. From what I've** heard everyone enjoyed the rides, and those that attended the dinners enjoyed the meals.

Chapter participation has been down somewhat in the past. I truly hope to see an increase in participation in the future. Each person is entitled to buy a participation ticket at each ride and if you have a hat, shirt etc., you can buy a second ticket. Each ticket is \$1.00. Remember the more you participate the more money you can win at the monthly drawing during the chapter meeting.

Don't forget the Region Rally coming up September 12th, 13th, and 14th in Eufaula, AL. Also on the schedule is the Ride for Kids on the 8th of September and the District Picnic is on the 7th of September. Due to

medical reasons, I will not be at the District Picnic or Ride for Kids. At this time I do plan on going to Region A rally and will have to go by car. If you can make these events, please do so.

Avery Howard
MEC

Ride safe.....Ride often.



in at 7lbs 4 ozs. Our other granddaughter (Julia) is due in December. That will make 4 great grandchildren for us with 7 grandchildren.

Well till next month,

Ride Safe and often

Chapter Educators

Can you believe its September already, seems like we just celebrated Memorial Day !

We have been enjoying the cooler weather even though we have not ridden that much together as I have been working , Pat did get to ride to the Chapter picnic thanks to Tammy Hollingsworth.

The letter is late as I did not get it completed before boarding a cruise ship to the Bahamas, **and I wouldn't pay the \$148.00 internet fee for a day's use (480 minute). Four couples** went and had a great time. We spent a day at sea then stopped at Nassau then the next day we went to Little Stirrup Cay. All in all we had a great time; Jake was under the weather for a day and a half.

Well next month the leaves will be turning and the weather should be changing again. Remember that when the leaves start to fall they can cause some slippery problems for your bikes. Just be careful and enjoy the fall colors.

I am in the process of planning my surprise ride, watch the website as the meeting location may change from the current one. I will send out emails as well to keep everyone informed.

If you didn't get to take the trike course in August and want to take one we are holding the Safety weekend Oct 5th and 6th in Lincoln, AL. We will be having all sorts of seminars as well as Medic First Aid/CPR.

Pat's granddaughter (Hollie) had a baby boy September 7th. He is doing fine, he is Hollie's 3rd. His name is Alexander Travis. He weighed



How many of these have you ridden?

By Carla King, Lonely Planet

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<http://www.cnn.com/2012/06/12/travel/best-motorcycle-roads>

10 best motorcycle roads in the U.S.

10. **The Great River Road (Hwy 61): 2,552 miles from Itasca State Park, Minnesota to Jackson, Louisiana**
9. **Route 66: 2200 miles from Chicago to Santa Monica**
8. **Overseas Highway (Hwy 1), Florida, 100 miles from Key Largo to Key West**
7. **Coastal Highway 1: 170 miles from Kittery to Bucksport, Maine** Detours, not twisties, along Maine's 3478 miles of coastline is the point here.
6. **Highway 12: 124 miles between Bryce Canyon National Park and Capitol Reef National Park, Utah**
5. **Beartooth Highway, (US 212): 68 Miles in Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming**
4. **Going to the Sun Road: 50 miles in Glacier National Park, Montana**
3. **River Road, (FM 170): 120 miles from Terlingua to Candelaria, Big Bend, Texas**
2. **Appalachian Mountains: 770 miles from Front Royal, Virginia to Deal's Gap, North Carolina**
1. **Pacific Coast Highway (Hwy 1): 1700 miles from Astoria, Oregon to San Juan Capistrano, California**

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Technical Coordinator

Michael Kremer



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News from Region

“A”

Well gang, it's just about rally time! That's the Region “A” rally at the beautiful Lakepoint Lodge in Eufaula, AL. By the time you read this, the rally will be but about 10 days away. We kick things off on September 12th (Thursday) and rally through Saturday the 14th. Things are looking good; our vendor list looks impressive for a rally our size, pre-registrations are looking good and the Lakepoint lodge is full. All we need now is good weather for the week of the 9th through the 15th. We'd also like to have some more delegates, because without you folks, it isn't a rally! Even if you can't pre-register, come on out and join us for a day or as much time as you can. Remember that for those that are full registered we are serving a great BBQ sit-down dinner in the Lodge Ballroom on Thursday evening. On Friday we have an ice cream social in conjunction with our Talent Show and a police escorted lighted night ride from the Lakepoint Lodge into downtown Eufaula and back. We also have a wide variety of quality vendors providing about anything you'll need. This is just a good old fashioned GWRRA rally so join us for a good time and lots of fun! We hope to see you there. The cut-off day for pre-registration is September 5th, but you can register on site, of course.

Nan and I are proud to say that we have attained Life Member status in GWRRA. We joined in 1993

and are pleased to have completed our 20th year of active participation. We've met more great folks and made more long lasting friendships in GWRRA than we ever thought possible. It's sure been a great ride and we look forward to many more great Gold Winging years.

We know this is still 3 months away, but our Region “A” Officers Meeting will be held at the Lakepoint Lodge December 6th-8th. We ask that everyone arrive on Friday evening (the 6th) and be ready to convene on Saturday morning in the Riverside Rooms at the Lodge. We will meet all day Saturday, and conclude on Sunday the 8th with a half-day session, departing for home by no later than noon. Reservations can be made under group number 2246. The rates are the same as last year (double queen \$65.47, king is \$77.40) This is a legitimate District business expense for your staffs. We'll make it fun and enjoyable (maybe even a different format this year) so please make your arrangements to be there. We ask that all District Directors, Assistant District Directors, Ride Educators, Leadership Trainers, Membership Enhancement Coordinators, Motorist Awareness Coordinators, Medic First Aid Coordinators and Treasurers attend. We will do our best to make it worth your time. Thanks!

We recruited quite a few new members to GWRRA at Wing Ding 35. Their names and info are beginning to appear on the ARLs. District Directors and MECs, please be sure that all these folks are contacted by their respective Chapters. If the closest Chapter is in trouble and you want to have another Chapter make the contact, that is up to you, but please ensure that someone reaches out

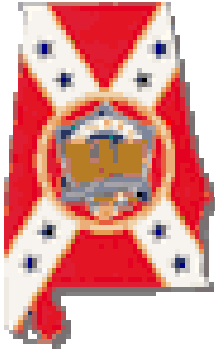
to them. As we have discussed many times in the past, there's not much we can do to retain a member who sold their Gold Wing, has health problems or is experiencing personal financial difficulties and can't afford the Gold Wing life style anymore. But New Members who are joining us don't have these issues so it's up to us to get them involved and having a good time. Please don't let these folks get lost; call 'em on the phone and persuade them to attend a Chapter event. Then show them all the great fun and fellowship we have in GWRRA and they'll stay active and involved.

Nan and I hope to see you at the Region A rally this month and look forward to meeting you at a GWRRA event somewhere soon!

Senior Region "A" Directors

Bob & Nan Shrader





-- District Directors

Robert & Gail Brown

.If you are looking for a good time, look no further. The Alabama District Picnic is the place to be. It will be September 7th at Confederate Memorial Park. This is the same location as last year, and we had an outstanding turn out. There will be plenty of food, drink and fun for all, and the best part is; **it is free**. Come on down and spend the day with us, and on the way home, be sure to stop at Peach Park. It is just down the road.

September 12th-14th is the Region A Convention in Eufaula, Al. The Region A Couple of the Year selection will be taking place. Larry & Penny Anthony from Al-T will be representing Alabama. The selection will be on Friday and they need all of our support. The couple selected here will be representing Region A at Wing Ding in 2014.

Once again, Alabama will be responsible for vendor security at the convention. The District team will take care of Thursday but we need members to handle Friday & Saturday. Just let me or Frank know what times you can help. There only needs to be two or three people working at a time. The canopy and water will be furnished. The best part of this is you get to greet and talk to members from all across our Region and beyond.

October 5th-6th is the Alabama GWRRA Safety Weekend. It is still at the Honda plant in Lincoln, Al. As always, there will be MFA, TRC, ARC and various seminars available. All of the information is on the District website and the availability to sign up for any classes. Al-D will be providing the snacks, and there are several nice places for lunch. Come and take advantage of the training and visit with friends.

Once again thanks for all that you do. Remember we are here to assist you, so if you need anything just give us a call.

Come ride with Us!



September 2013

Tuesday the 10th our meeting

Sat 14th Region A rally

Sat 21st *Ride to Chattanooga and go the Aquarium.*

Sat 28th Chapter Ride -- Aaron's Mystery Ride.

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