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Next Monthly Meeting will be **Thursday**
August 20, 2009 at Chappy's 8139 Vaughn Rd.
6:00pm to eat – 7:00pm to meet

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Unusually Nice Weather FROM YOUR CHAPTER DIRECTORS **Monty and Sue Scott**

We have all taken time to remember the life of our member Bill Graydon who passed this last month from the injuries of a motorcycle accident. There will be a separate part of our news letter to include memories of Bill and a special writing Bill left for us.

The district mascot, "IT" came to visit Chapter F

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last month and had several trips with us during a short stay. "IT"'s first weekend with us was spent at Niffers for a great dinner ride. On the 4th of July the Chapter members that were not able to make Wing Ding took "IT" to the Biscuits baseball game to help us work on a fundraising project. On the weekend of July 11th "IT" made a long trip to Washington D.C. with the chapter directors for a wedding and visited Luray Caverns on the return trip. "IT" also stopped for pizza in South Carolina on the way back to Alabama. The following Friday "IT" made a trip north to the Birmingham McWane Center to see some great science exhibitions then on to Chapter T to continue the rounds of Alabama's GWRRA family.

Many of the members of Chapter F took positions behind the concession counter at the Biscuits game to raise funds for our 25th Chapter F reunion coming up in October. We will be concessionaires again this month to contribute to the reunion. We will be sending out letters to all the current and previous "F" troop members to invite them to the reunion planned at the Eastern Hills Baptist Church the first Saturday in October. Look for your letter and be sure to send back the post card enclosed even if you cannot attend. We have developed quite an extensive mailing list, but if you have not received your invitation by the end of August, please give Barry or me a call.

We had a great trip to Niffers for an

afternoon ride and dinner. Two guests and 18 members had a great social time as well as a good dinner. After the dinner and a short tire kicking time in the parking lot we had a cool evening ride home.

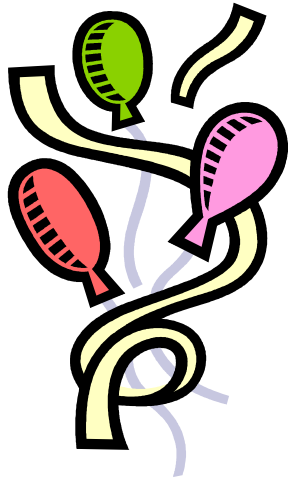
Later in the month 20 of us had a great trip to Anniston for a supper ride to the Top O the River restaurant for some of the best seafood in Alabama. The weather was great both ways and the ride home in the early evening was even considered cool for summer.

We had our chapter meeting at Chappy's on the third Thursday. As always the service was great and the before meeting was the social time was even better. Barry led the staff meeting since Sue and I were in Washington D.C. and he also led the chapter meeting. We all welcomed Byron Bonds to the chapter as a new member and he also joined us with his wife Ruthie for the Anniston dinner ride. In addition to our members we had two visitors, Mike and Tammy's daughter and granddaughter joined us. We had a short review of the Wing Ding activities by the members that went. There were words like what happened in Tulsa stayed in Tulsa; therefore we could not get any "dirt" for the Hekawi/JA award this month, so it was retired for another month. Safety issues were addressed including cautions when riding a new bike or going over a trail you are not familiar with. Our members and friends prayers and praises were remembered. Door prizes, name tag, and 50/25/25 drawings were made. We also got a telephone picture from Tom Mechler (they are on a long road trip and I believe he misses sending computer messages to us all). As usual we had our post meeting tire kicking social in the parking lot until we next meet.

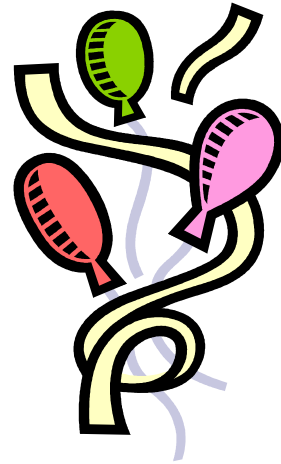
As always, keep safe, have fun, and keep the wheels rolling, looking forward to seeing you

soon, from Monty and Sue to all of you.

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CHAPTER F IS CELEBRATING 25 YEARS



We had a good time at the July 4th fundraiser at the Biscuits game. We have another fundraiser work schedule at the Biscuits game on Friday, August 14th. For those that are going to help out, be at the Biscuits stadium by 5:00pm so we can all find out how to do what we need to do. Remember the clothing requirements. Tan pants (long or short), a white collared shirt (long sleeve or short sleeve), hard shoes or tennis shoes, and a biscuits ball cap. If you don't have a cap, you will get one there. Please make every effort to be there. The more we have, the less work on one person and probably more fun doing it.

AUGUST RIDE SCHEDULE

DETAILS OF SCHEDULE

Rides for August (Due to the variable weather we may encounter, all rides will go either 2 and 3 wheels or 4 wheels.)

Saturday, August 1st – Supper Ride – Leave the Honda shop at 4:00pm and ride to Clanton to eat at the Cow Pasture Restaurant. Barry will lead this ride.

Saturday, August 8th – District Picnic – Leave the Honda shop at 9:00am and ride to Tannehill State Park for the Alabama District Picnic. Cost is \$5 per person and I believe there is a charge to get in the park.

Friday, August 14th – Biscuits Baseball Fundraising Event – Meet at the Biscuits stadium at 5:00pm to work our 2nd concession event. If questions, see Marcia.

Sunday, August 16th – Staff Meeting – 4:00pm at the LaBarre's residence. Will meet in advance to carpool onto the base.

Thursday, August 20th – Chapter Meeting – Chappy's, 6pm to eat, 7pm to meet.

Saturday, August 22nd – Mechler Pool Party – Meet at the Phillips 66 station at Troy Hwy and Taylor Road at 3:30pm. See info below for details.

Sunday, August 30th – Ice Cream Ride – Leave the Honda shop at 3:00pm and ride to the Auburn area in search of Ice Cream.



SAFETY CORNER

These tips are the opinion of the author. They do not necessarily represent the views of GWRRA. As always, you are responsible for your action, both mental and physical, as regards to your safety. Only you can make safety happen by improving your riding proficiencies.

You Only Hit That Car ... If You Don't Quite Stop In Time

It takes most people about 4.5 seconds to read this sentence. 4.5 seconds is not a lot of time - but it could be the rest of your life. 4.5 seconds is also (not really a coincidence) about how long it SHOULD take you to stop your motorcycle after applying your brakes at 60 MPH!

Stopping a motorcycle as fast as possible requires that you master only a few fundamentals:

- Alertness - No matter how fast your reflexes are or how skillful you are with your brakes, if you don't see the need to stop, you won't.
- Reflexes - First you need time to recognize a threat and decide to react to it, then your fast reflexes take over and make the difference.
- Skill - Under-utilizing your brakes is just as dangerous as over-doing it.

Let's get a feel for magnitudes. It usually takes about .7 seconds to recognize a threat. A person with normal reflexes takes about .3 seconds to start braking from the moment he realizes he has to do so. Combined, that's about 1 full second from the time a threat presents itself to you and you begin to slow down. At 60 MPH you travel 88 FEET in 1 second!

That it takes you about .7 seconds to recognize the threat is a mental reality. But it does not necessarily take .3 seconds to react to it. The simple practice of always covering your front brake can shave a full tenth of a second (1/3!!) of that time away. That's almost 9 FEET!

Traffic Engineers have some rules-of-thumb they developed over time. They, for example, have found that if the street surface is dry, the average person can safely decelerate an automobile at the rate of 15 feet per second per second (fpsps). That is, an average person can slow down at this rate without any real likelihood that they will lose control in the process. If the surface is wet they assume a deceleration rate of 10 fpsps is safely attainable by almost anyone.

Let's assume a wet street surface and that you are moving at 60 MPH. At a 10 fps deceleration rate it will take you 8.8 seconds to stop after you begin applying your brakes. (A total of 9.8 seconds from the time the threat we earlier talked about presents itself.) The distance you would travel before coming to a complete stop is 475 feet.

If, however, the road is dry, it would take you only a total of 6.9 seconds to stop, (including the 1 second recognition/reaction delay.) and the distance traveled until you came to rest would be 346 feet. Clearly the more effective your braking is, the less time it takes to stop, and the less distance traveled.

With practice, your braking skills should easily allow you to attain deceleration rates in excess of 20 fpsps. What would that mean in our example threat scenario? It would mean that you could stop your motorcycle in a total of 5.4 seconds (including the 1 second delay.) and your total stopping distance would be only 281.5 feet! By enhancing your braking skills with practice you

can shave 64.5 feet and 1.5 seconds off 'normal' results. And you could shave off another nearly 9 feet just by covering your brakes. That brings the distance traveled before stopping down by about 73.5 feet. 73.5 feet is about four car-lengths!

The message is clear: You only hit that car if you don't quite stop in time. You might not hit it at all if you cover your brakes and practice your braking skills.

Prayer and Praise

Our Praise and Prayers for Members, Families, and Friends:

PRAYER:

Gordon family: Various illnesses.
Continue to pray for our Armed Forces.
Mary and Donnie Puckett.
Tom and Brigitte Davisson with health.
Lem and Jerri Adams
Alice's mother Miriam Bundy.
Danny Cone with upcoming surgery.
Robitzsch's friend Andy Caraway.
Katie Arthur.

PRAISE:

For all our many blessings.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Katie Arthur-----August 14
Tom Davisson-----August 15
Tammy Woodall-----August 23
Luther Johnson-----August 26
Boone Davis-----August 26
Earl Venable-----August 26
Barry LaBarre-----August 27

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Turpin and Angie Ashurst-----August 9
Earl and Yvonne Venable-----August 18
Robert and Brenda Carr-----August 28

DISTRICT NEWS

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 Bealle 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 Bealle 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 Diary 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-

without help or a to-go box. Man, what a meal!!

It was just after seven when we got a group photo and remounted the bikes. The sun was still out but getting ready to set and it was one of the most beautiful sunsets I'd seen in a long time. It was almost mesmerizing! With a quick fuel stop in Lincoln, we hit the trail.

A phone call from Danny about an hour later notified us that Bill Graydon had another heart attack and wasn't expected to be strong enough to hang on to life much longer. As we found out the next morning, he did pass away that night. Now Bill is riding those golden streets and Cathy is once again his co-rider.

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POOL PARTY AT THE MECHLER'S

From: GWRRA Chapter AL-F ComSwim HQs - Pine Level, Al (South)

To: Members GWRRA Chapter Al-F

Members,

A cookout, swim, game gathering will be hosted by members #'d 124889 and 124889-01 (T&B Mechler)

Location: 1374 Peake Rd, Pine Level, Al.

Directions: South on Troy Hwy to Pine Level, East (left) on Cty Rd 101 (Peake Rd), go 1.2 miles turn on gravel rd with Mechler sign out front. Go to the end of the road about a mile.

Date: August 22, 2009

Time: 4pm Until whenever

All members are ordered to attend if they want to.

Events include:

Swimming:

Proper attire is strongly suggested but not required.

Pool Games:

Skill levels Not required

Cookout:

Bring a hardy appetite

Mechler's are providing meat, Mustard, Mayo and Catsup and a couple of churns of Ice cream.

Chapter is providing Drinks, Buns, Chips, and other garnishing's for burgers

Members may bring a favorite side dish. Can also bring table games for those that do not want to get in the pool. Come have some fun in the Sun!!! Over and Out

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IN MEMORIAM

**WILLIAM "BILL" GRAYDON
JULY 9, 1935 – JULY 18, 2009**

Funeral services were held Tuesday, July 21, 2009 at 2:00pm from Faith Baptist Church Wetumpka, Al., with Rev. Gerald Wood officiating. Graveside services with full military honors were held Wednesday, July 22, 2009 at 11:00am.est at Pineridge Memorial Park, Kennesaw, Ga. Survivors are, one son Graig (Magali) Graydon, Acworth, Ga., one daughter Lorri (Brian) Smith Acworth, Ga., five grandchildren Jackson Smith, Shelby Smith both of Acworth, Ga., Elizabeth Hensen, Georgia, Shannelli Bohan, Ricky Bohan both of Acworth, Ga. He was a member of Faith Baptist Church, Wetumpka, Al. He was also a member of Gold Wings Chapter F Motorcycle Club, Montgomery, Al. and a lifetime member of The VFW having served as Commander of Post 2681 in Marietta, Ga. Please visit www.ellisonfuneralhome.com to sign an online guest book.

BILL GRAYDON
By Monty Scott

BILL WAS A MAN OF SERVICE NOT ONLY DEFENDING HIS COUNTRY FOR 30 YEARS IN THE UNITED STATES MARINES CORPS, BUT IN MANY POSITIONS OF SERVICE WHERE EVER HE LIVED. HE WAS ALWAYS FIRST TO HELP AND FIRST TO SERVE. HE AFFECTED THE LIVES OF MANY AND HIS JOY WAS SEEING THE SUCCESS OF THOSE HE HELPED.

JUST THE OTHER DAY HE WAS TELLING ME DURING HIS MILITARY SERVICE, HE NOTED A YOUNG MAN THAT JUST WAS NOT CAPABLE OF DOING THE JOB RIGHT IN REPAIRING AN AIRCRAFT. HE HAD TO REMOVE HIM FROM THAT POSITION AND PLACE HIM BEHIND A DESK. BILL ENCOURAGED THE YOUNG MAN TO DEVELOP NEW SKILLS. A FEW YEARS LATER BILL CAME UPON A MARINE WARRANT OFFICER AND ACKNOLOWEDGE THE OFFICER WITH A SHARP SALUTE. THE WARRANT OFFICER RETURNED THE SALUTE, THEN STOPPED BILL AND THANKED HIM FOR THE ADVISE A FEW YEARS EARLYER. SEE, THE WARRANT OFFICER WAS THE YOUNG MAN THAT BILL HAD TO TAKE OFF THE AIRCRAFT AND COUNCEL HIM TO DEVELOP AN NEW CARRER. THIS YOUNG MAN AS WELL AS MANY UNTOLD OTHERS CAN THANK BILL FOR THE WORDS THAT HELPED THEM BECOME BETTER THAN THEY EVER THOUGHT THEY COULD BE.

IN ANY ORGANIZATION BILL WOULD ALWAYS PUT EVERYTHING INTO IT. WITH THE GOLDWING ASSOCIATION IN OUR CHAPTER HE WAS THE TREASURER AND DID AN EXCELLENT JOB AT THAT. ALSO, BILL CREATED ONE OF THE BEST LONG RIDES FOR A 3-DAY TRIP LAST FALL. HIS PLANNING WAS JUST UNBELIEVEABLE AND GREATLY DETAILED. HE DID ALL THE ROUTING, LODGING, EATING LOCATIONS, AND SCHEDULES. THIS WAS ONE OF THE BEST TRIPS OUR CHAPTER HAS EVER MADE, AND IT WAS ALL THANKS TO BILL'S GIVING. BILL WAS ALWAYS WITH US ON OUR DINNER RIDES AND MEETING WITH HIS EXPERIENCE, KNOWLEDGE AND MOST OF ALL FRIENDSHIP.

BILL ALSO LEFT A NOTE ON HIS KITCHEN TABLE. IT WAS TITLED "FEEL THE WIND" AND WE ARE NOT SURE OF THE SOURCE BUT THIS IS HOW IT READ:

I DON'T WANNA EAT NO PICKLE
I JUST WANNA RIDE MY MOTORSICKLE
OVER HILL AND OVER DALE
CARVE THE CURVES AND GIVE IT HELL.

COME AND RIDE WITH ME MY FRIEND
LET'S PUT OUR FACES IN THE WIND
GOING PLACES WE AIN'T BEEN
AND MAY NEVER SEE AGAIN.

FEEL THE WIND IN MY FACE
RIDE MY IRONHORSE AT A GOOD PACE
MILES TO GO, MILES BEHIND
I RELAX AND UNWIND.

COME AND RIDE WITH ME MY FRIEND
LET'S PUT OUR FACES IN THE WIND
GOING PLACES WE AIN'T BEEN
AND MAY NEVER SEE AGAIN.

MY GOOD WOMEN RIDES TWO UP
SHE'S MY JOY AND MY CHOICE
TO SHARE THESE RIDES AND BE MY FRIEND
SHE'S ALWAYS WITH ME EVEN WHEN
I'M OUT THERE WITH MY FACE IN THE WIND.

COME AND RIDE WITH ME MY FRIEND
LET'S PUT OUR FACES IN THE WIND
GOING PLACES WE AIN'T BEEN
AND MAY NEVER SEE AGAIN.

LOVE THE MOUNTAINS HIGH AND WILD
LOVE THE VIEWS SO GRANDLY SEEN
LOVE THE PURPLE PLAINS AND SAGE
MY JADED SOUL IS RENEWED AGAIN.

COME AND RIDE WITH ME MY FRIEND
LET'S PUT OUR FACES IN THE WIND
GOING PLACES WE AIN'T BEEN
AND MAY NEVER SEE AGAIN.

WITH THAT I WILL CLOSE THIS PART OF THE CELEBRATION OF LIFE AND BILL WILL ALWAYS BE WITH US IN OUR HEARTS AS WE RIDE OUR IRON HORSES ACROSS THE LANDS THAT HE HELPED MAKE FREE.

FOR SALE

2 Black Leather vest NEW Size Large @10.00 each. Call Angel @ 334-651-7249

Two (2) items for sale: Kuryakyn trailer hitch \$ 125.00 for GL1800, and Full cover (from Honda shop) \$ 35.00. Contact Ralph Forbus at 334-546-5680

Richard Gravlin

I have many GL1500 parts and accessories that I no longer have a need for. If anyone is interested please contact me at 334-517-4091.

For pictures of things the Chapter has been doing, go to the Photo Gallery of the Chapter Website.



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AUGUST						1	
						SUPPER RIDE HONDA 4PM	
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
						DISTRICT PICNIC HONDA 9AM	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
						BISCUITS GAME MEET @ 5PM	
Turpin/Angie Ashurst					Katie Arthur	Tom Davisson	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
STAFF MEETING LABARRE'S 4PM							MECHLER POOL PARTY TROY/TAYLOR 330PM
		Earl/Yvonne Venable					
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
			Luther Johnson Boone Davis Earl Venable	Barry LaBarre	Robert/Brenda Carr		
Tammy Woodall							
30	31						
ICE CREAM SEARCH HONDA 3PM							
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