



# CAPITOL CITY WINGS CHAPTER CHATTER

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Next Monthly Meeting will be **Thursday**  
**October 16, 2008 at Chappy's 8139 Vaughn Rd.**  
6:00pm to eat – 7:00pm to meet

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## FALL IS IN THE AIR FROM YOUR CHAPTER DIRECTORS Monty and Sue Scott

The beginning of a wonderful time of the year is upon us and the weather is supporting some great riding days. To start out September we made one of our collective rides to Jim's restaurant in Prattville. What is a collective ride? We started out at Honda with only two motorcycles and two 4-wheelers, but

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Recruiting Retention	

when we arrived at Jim's there was a group of F Troopers waiting on us and we ended up with 15 members and 4 guests. One of our guests was Scott Stover on a Boulevard 800 and as we say "all riders welcome" and he joined right in with his riding stories. Tony and Reeba's daughter and son-in-law, Kira and Jeff, were also guests, but best of all granddaughter Taylor stole the show. You can imagine with all the grandmothers and grandmother someday-to-be, Taylor did not stand a chance. We were all having such a great time that the establishment closed the doors for our area off from the rest of the dinners. I really believe it was for the other folks, not us, but it all of a sudden became very quiet (guess why). The food arrived. That will quiet us down most any time. After dinner was over we demonstrated what Frank Teasley said demonstrates a great gathering – we were all out in the parking lot continuing looking at chrome, kicking tires, and talking about families. This evening continued with a second event, that thanks to Ana Gravlin's suggestion, 10 folks moved down the road a few blocks and back about 40 years. We went to a good old picking and grinning country music dance hall that took some of us (that would admit our age) to our younger years. This hall had only 2 things missing, a good one was that there was NO SMOKING, the second was nostalgic there was no

sawdust on the floor. Now how can you have a C&W dance without sawdust? All in all, it was a great evening and we all had FUN, FUN, and more FUN.

Another great event that brought over 690 more Gold Wings together was the Region "A" rally in Dothan, Alabama. I have heard many folks say that they were "rallied out." Let me tell you if you missed this rally, you missed a great one that would run the "rallied out feeling" out of town. Our Regional leaders, a fantastic job accomplished by the Dothan chapter, and a contingency of volunteers put on programs and events that I have never seen better in my 14 years as a Gold Winger. To mention just a few of the activities that made this fun was the fact that the entire program was well planned and not over scheduled. This allowed all of us to watch and/or participate in activities such as the Director's Competition, Chapter Competition, a great Couple of the Year selection, unbelievable talent show, CPR and training programs, bike shows, and many other events. Best of all we (GWRRA) had the entire hotel from Thursday thru Sunday allowing all the events to occur in one place and we could walk from our room to every activity. Of course in addition to the great food served at the hotel and at a reasonable price there were several eating establishments within walking distance from the hotel to provide all the variety that one could want. What could make this better? We are going back to the same place next year, so get your reservations in early and have FUN, FUN, and more FUN.

What could be a greater event than a 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Hugh and Helen Gordon invited all of their friends to their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration and of course this included all of Chapter F. Not only did we have a great time celebrating with them such a milestone event, we met several of our F troopers that have retired from riding but still enjoy the camaraderie of

friends and family. We also were able to visit with Hugh and Helen's church family that we have not seen since (would you believe) we went to the Gordon's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary which seems like only yesterday. May God bless them and give them many more loving years together.

The September meeting at Chappy's was another FUN event. We had 32 "F" troop members and 2 visiting folks, Jon Sharpston and Grant Harris in attendance, not quite filling the room, but giving me too many chances to make the microphone feedback squeaking loudly. Tom suggested I pay the treasury each time I made it squeak, and I responded that my treasury was not up to my inability to operate such highly technical electronic equipment. Bill provided us with the treasury report and since Fred was unable to attend, Bill also reported on their trip to the High School Drivers Education program they presented. Sue and I provided some of the highlights and activities of the Region "A" Rally in Dothan, Alabama. We also invited everyone to start now on planning to attend next years regional rally again in Dothan and announced the location of the 2010 Region "A" Rally at Lake Point Lodge. Reeba reviewed the anniversaries and birthdays. Marcia was pleased that only one person was present for the birthday drawing (her). Charlotte reviewed our prayers and praise list. I wish to add a special note that the Puckett's were missing from their favorite corner of the room and we all hope Mary is back to good health soon. We miss you. Door prizes were won by many, but the greatest surprise was the name tag drawing. First Cathy Graydon's number was drawn then the second number was Bill Graydon. We also announced the restart of a mileage program to start the first of January and running through the end of November. At next years Christmas party we will recognize the high mileage bike and high mileage trike riders of the year. High mileage prizes still to be determined. The coveted Hekawi award for the second time went to a couple, Sue and me. I am still contesting that we both have the award, after all Sue gave me the chapter shirt to wear on the dinner ride. I can't help if it felt funny when I buttoned it and someone had to point out that my name was not "SUE." Bill Graydon gave us an overview of the October 3-day ride which has been planned in the greatest detail. There was also one opening that became available and quickly filled. This is going to be a great activity and scenic trip for all who will be able to participate. Tony reviewed a great list of rides for next month listed below. Closing the meeting with the 50/25/25 drawing ended an evening of fun and fellowship.

As always, keep safe, have fun, and keep the wheels rolling, Monty and Sue

**Remember this newsletter is for the entire chapter. If you have some news you want to share, let us know. It doesn't necessarily have to be about you riding your motorcycle. It can be about you in general. Just type it up and we'll print it.**

ASK NOT WHAT THE CHAPTER CAN DO FOR YOU, BUT WHAT YOU CAN DO FOR THE CHAPTER

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**OCTOBER RIDE SCHEDULE**

**DETAILS OF SCHEDULE**

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

**Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup> – Chapter W Kick-off** – Leave the Honda Shop at 8:00am and ride to Mobile for the new Chapter W Kick Off (10-3).

**Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup> – Staff Meeting** – 6pm at Donnie's Restaurant on the bypass.

**Saturday thru Monday - October 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> – Foliage Weekend Getaway** – Leave at 9:00am from the Shell station in Tallassee, not the Tallassee exit.

**Thursday, October 16<sup>th</sup> – Chapter Meeting** – Chappy's. 6pm to eat. 7pm to meet.

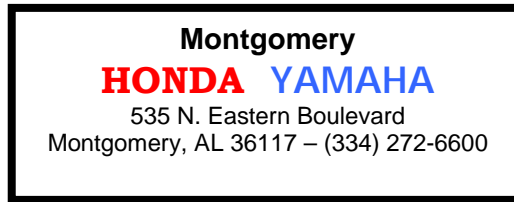
**Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup> – Movie and Supper** – Movie at Rave theatre then dinner following at Red Lantern Chinese Restaurant. Time and name of movie to be announced at the chapter meeting.

**Friday and Saturday – October 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> – Sweet Potato Rally in Georgia.**

## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

October 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> – Mississippi District Rally – Biloxi, Ms.

October 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> – Sweet Potato Rally, Georgia – [www.sweetpotatorally.com](http://www.sweetpotatorally.com)



## • • • • • DISTRICT NEWS

What a really fast month September has been. We have been to Chapter D to see some the folks that we ate with at Wing Ding. We met some of the new members we have not seen before and wound up in the parking lot after the meeting talking for two hours. We really had a wonderful time.

We also got to see an old friend we had not seen in a long time. We had the privilege to have had dinner with Bob "Gorilla" Brooks. We met Bob and Connie at the 98 Rally in Gulf Shores. We were all trying to put our bikes under a roof between two buildings at the motel we were staying at because a tornado was coming. The funniest story I have heard Bob tell was trying to ride his bike while the bike was trying to ride a pig. It was not real funny at first because it tore his bike up, but after awhile it was a funny story. Our prayers go out to Connie and all the family. Gorilla was one of the good guys and he will be missed.

Our next visit was to the Chocolate gravy breakfast Chapter. We had a very nice visit with Chapter K and enjoyed seeing old friends. If you have never had Chocolate gravy you need to go by early enough to enjoy some and sit down with Chapter K before the meeting to enjoy the camaraderie.

Our next visit was to Chapter Y. We had a lot of fun with old friends and made some new ones. CD Bill Barden asked if I had anything to say and would you believe he said I talked to long. Then CD Roy Beall from Chapter J got up and invited everyone to their Bike Rodeo 27 Sep at Palmore Park in Tuscaloosa. Sounds like it will be a good new experience for a lot of folks. Frank and Linda Teasley, AL Trainers, were there to talk about the Road Captains course. All things considered we had a good time until my homeless partner (Steven Hollingsworth) got out in the parking lot and I could not get him to stop talking so we could leave. I know everyone believes that.

Our next trip was to the Region A Rally in Dothan and we had a great time. Spencer and Joan Hall did a great job of providing the things that Chapter U had volunteered to bring and do. Alabama had a great showing and a whole bunch of them rode further than the FL, GA and MS members. Terry and Barbie did a really wonderful job of representing Alabama in the Couple of the Year selection and all of us are really proud of them. If you can, you need to try to attend next year, but if you are, you need to make your reservations NOW. Thanks to the entire Region A staff for showing us such a good time.

We have two traveling Plaque grabs coming in October. Chapter S will have the Region A plaque up for grabs at Russellville on 4 October from 12:00-2:00. All of the information is on the Region A website. The AL Travelling Plaque will be up for grabs from Chapter Y on 11 Oct. All the info for that is on the AL website. If you cannot access the website, please let us know and we will send it to you or just give us a call.

On 4 October Chapter W is having a Chapter kick off at the home of Mack and Renee McInnis, 2531 Firetower Rd, Semmes, Renaissance Theme, Whole Pig Roasted, Games, \$5/person. We are looking forward to a good time and hope all who can, will meet us there.

There will be a Couple of the Year get together on 25 Oct. Chapter Couple of the Year Gathering -- 10am-2pm - Klassy Klean, 81 Ste. C&D Weatherly Club Drive, Alabaster, AL -

Discuss details of selection process at Snowball and have some good fun. Cookout and watch AL/TN football after. All Couples please try to be there.

The last thing I would like to talk about is the Ride for Kids. We left Dothan Saturday after the closing ceremonies and went to Pelham to meet up with the Task Force for the Sunday ride. We had 16 AL chapters represented and we raised \$105,000. Thank you all for coming and helping us make this a really big success.

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

For more info from the District or info on other chapters, go to the District website at <http://www.alabama-gwrra.org/>

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### 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.  
Rita LaBarre with health.  
Jewell McGee with surgery and health.  
Danny Cone with possible knee surgery.  
Sue Scott with health.

#### PRAISE:

Bernie Mechler health test results, negative.  
Tom and Bernie's granddaughter Catherine with eye surgery.

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### 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!

Assuming you have read the tips on braking methods earlier, you have a good idea about how to use those brakes. Now let me try to give you a sense of magnitude associated with the skill part of braking.

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.

I think most of you know that your motorcycles can stop more quickly than can an automobile. Indeed, a professional motorcycle racer can obtain a 1g deceleration rate, or more, on his motorcycle. (1g deceleration is 32 fpsps.) 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.

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**CHAPTER F CHRISTMAS PARTY**

The chapter Christmas party is scheduled for Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at Huntingdon College. The meal will be catered so all you need to bring is your appetite and your gift for the gift exchange.

A sign-up sheet will be passed around at the next chapter meeting so we'll know how many folks are interested in attending, plus we'll need to know which of the two entrees you would like. The cost is \$16.50 per person. Kids meals will be picked up by the chapter. But we still need a head count of the children you may bring.

The gifts are to be valued at \$15-\$20 each and the ladies should bring a gift suitable for a female and the men should bring a gift suitable for a male. Please wrap these gifts. Any gifts brought for Santa to hand out to children should be wrapped and the child's name should be legible for Santa to read.

Maps will be handed out at the October meeting to ensure Rudolph doesn't mislead anyone. Directions can also be downloaded at [http://www.huntingdon.edu/visit\\_our\\_campus/map](http://www.huntingdon.edu/visit_our_campus/map). We'll be in the Julia Russell Dining Hall which is marked as "8" on the map.

If you have any questions or comments, please direct them to Marcia at 244-6801.

## **OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

Brenda Carr-----October 19  
Drew Ryer-----October 25  
Tony Robitzsch-----October 26

## **OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES**

Tony and Reeba Robitzsch-----October 6  
Monty and Sue Scott-----October 16  
Mike and Renee Sanford-----October 18

## **FOR SALE**

**Brand new Nelson Riggs bike cover for sale, used once. Pd \$80, asking \$50.  
Contact Bill Graydon (334-514-4388)**

**2003 Trail Master Classic Camper Asking \$2,250.00, obo. Paid \$3,995.00 new in July 2003. Used about 10 times. Has king size bed, 4-foot dressing area, air conditioner, spare tire, chrome bumper with lights, adjustable cooler rack on the tongue, Coleman lantern with stand. Lots of storage room that is accessible when camper is open or closed. Contact Danny Cone at 334-541-3095 or email dannycone1@aol.com.**

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



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**OCTOBER 2008**

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i> 1	<i>Thu</i> 2	<i>Fri</i> 3	<i>Sat</i> 4
						<b>CHAPTER W KICK-OFF</b> Honda 8am
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Tony/Reeba Robitzsch					<b>FOLIAGE GETAWAY WEEKEND</b>
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
				<b>CHAPTER MEETING</b>		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
<b>MOVIE AND SUPPER TBA</b>				Monty/Sue Scott		Mike/Renee Sanford
Brenda Carr					<b>SWEET POTATO RALLY</b>	
26	27	28	29	30	31	Drew Ryer

Tony Robitzsch

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