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Next Monthly Meeting will be **Thursday**
Sept. 17, 2009 at Chappy's 8139 Vaughn Rd.
6:00pm to eat – 7:00pm to meet

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Autumn in August FROM YOUR CHAPTER DIRECTORS **Monty and Sue Scott**

Unusual cool nights from several cold fronts have made for some wonderful riding days in what is normally the hottest days of summer. Barry led a contingency of "F" troopers on a ride to the Clanton's Cow Pasture Restaurant for some good eats and the standard tall tales to make it a true Wing ride. The

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following weekend we mounted up under the leadership of Danny for a trip north to the Alabama District Picnic at the Tannehill State Park. As expected the District Staff put on a great picnic for a large contingency of gold wingers from all over the state. The food was great, seeing all our friends from the other chapters was even better, and you could not ask for better service then our leaders provided us. The "F" troopers came home in smaller groups than the trip up, as we all had different subsequent activities that day. Of course some of us made the ice cream stop in Clanton. I believe the bikes are on autopilot that just takes the exit automatically with little input from the drivers. Marcia coordinated our members in another work project as concessionaires at a Biscuits baseball game to provide resources for our 25th Chapter F reunion coming up in October. On the 4th Saturday of the month we converged on the Mechler's home for a pool and cookout party for an afternoon and evening of dinner and fun. The last Sunday of the month we are planning a ride to the east to see if we can find an ice cream place. Chances are our autopilots will kick-in and we should find an ice cream parlor somewhere in the Auburn area, but that is a story to be told next month.

We had our chapter meeting at Chappy's on the third Thursday. As always the service was great and the before meeting social time was even better. Ed and Lesley Shoemake joined us as return members to chapter activities and we all had a good time. Barry

updated us on the 25th reunion activities. Currently over 100 invitations have been sent out and the first week's early returns of nearly 50 members plan on being at the reunion the first Saturday in October. We have made arrangements for catering the event by Oak Tree and will make up the final menu the end of September when we have our final count for attendance. We are planning over 100 folks when the postcards all come back. Marcia put out the work lists for volunteers and the party is coming together very well. Danny is working hard at a slide show and needs additional input, especially if there are any early pictures of chapter activities. In addition to the social activities at the reunion, we plan on having door prizes and as always great deserts. We went over the rides planned for September to be listed further in the newsletter. Additionally, all were reminded about the Region "A" rally in Dothan, Thursday, September 10th through Saturday the 12th. Reports from region coordinators indicate that the host hotel is full, but there are several overflow hotels within walking distance from the host. Additionally, we have the entire host hotel and are expecting many vendors for us to look thru just in case something is absolutely needed for your wing or personal attire (right). Also, remember the Mississippi District Rally is October 15th thru the 17th in Tupelo. Just as last month there were words like what went on the road stayed on the road, 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 a reminder that schools are starting soon and we need to take additional care in school zones. Charlotte

provided our members and friends prayers and praises. Birthday drawing, name tag, and 50/25/25 drawings were made. 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.

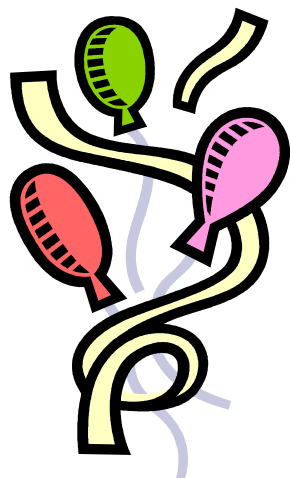
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NEW NEWSLETTER EDITOR

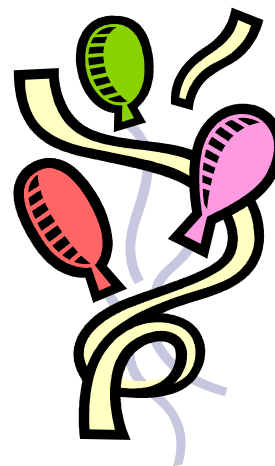
It has been my pleasure and enjoyment to be the Chapter F Newsletter Editor for the last several years. I have appreciated all of your support in helping me to do the best I felt I could do on these newsletters. Without your input, articles, photos and etc, I could not have put together much on my own. Without you, our chapter newsletter would not have been the award winning product that it has been. But as with most things, there are times when changes need to be made. With my work and so many other outside activities I am involved in, I thought it was best to pass this assignment to someone with more time and probably more ideas that would keep the chapter members entertained and up with the news.

So, starting next month your new Newsletter Editor for Chapter F will be Tom Mechler. He will continue needing all your input to put together a newsletter that informs the chapter members. His information is listed above in the Chapter F Staff section.

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CHAPTER F IS CELEBRATING 25 YEARS



We had another good time working the Biscuits game on Friday, August 14th. Unfortunately we had some things come up to cause some members that had signed up to work unavailable do to their schedules which caused the chapter to lose out on making more money. But between the two events we worked, we should be able to take care of the 25 year reunion and Christmas party.

Just a note for next year, if you sign up to work the biscuits game or anything chapter related, the chapter is depending on you.

SEPTEMBER RIDE SCHEDULE

DETAILS OF SCHEDULE

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

Saturday, September 5th – Impromptu – Due to Monday being labor day, no ride is scheduled.

Saturday, September 12th – Region A Rally – Region A Rally in Dothan, Al Thursday thru Saturday.

Sunday, September 13th – Ride For Kids – The yearly Ride for Kids event that supports research and treatment for kids with brain tumors will be held at the Barber's Museum outside Birmingham. Registration is from 8-9:45am with the ride starting at 10am. For more info, go to <http://www.pbtfus.org/rideforkids/calendar/2009/birmingham.html>

Monday, September 14th – Staff Meeting – 6:00pm at the Charlotte Moseley's residence.

Thursday, September 17th – Chapter Meeting – Chappy's, 6pm to eat, 7pm to meet.

Saturday, September 19th – Supper and Play – Meet at the Catfish House in Millbrook at 5:00pm for supper. After supper, for those that want to go, we will ride to the Millbrook Theater to watch a comedy play called "The Importance of Bein' Ernest". The play starts at 7:30pm for those that just want to do the play. Tickets are \$8/advance, \$10/at door.

Saturday, September 26th – Brown Bag Lunch Ride – Leave the Honda shop at 10:00am and take a backroads, country ride to the south side of Troy, Al and hopefully wind up at Blue Springs State Park. Pack your own brown bag lunch to enjoy when you arrive. Swimsuits are an option to bring if you want to really cool down in some very chilly waters.



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.

Hello Fellow Wingers;

It has been a slow month compared to last month when we last wrote ya's. We did attend the Northern Picnic at Tannehill State Park. And as usual, it went over great. The swamp coolers, food, and people were all memorable.

But, this month I feel the need to talk about tire pressure monitoring kits. How many of you out there have had a tire problem recently? I know I had a flat back tire that had to be replaced. Corky had a flat front tire in Oklahoma at the Wing Ding this year. Our District Director had a rear tire problem. Now our very dear friends Freida and Chase Estes have had a crash because of a rear tire going flat. As you know, a flat tire "IS" very dangerous. Not too many of us have had the opportunity to handle a flat tire of any kind. It is not the kind of thing you go out and practice every day, ya know? So when and if, it happens we have no real training to guide us.

I have given those tire pressure indicator things a thought or two in the past but couldn't get past the cost of them. Admittedly, I don't know much about them, except that they just may help us with this problem. All of the tire problems I've heard of recently have been in the field of going flat, not blowing out. And there does seem to be a lot of them out there. So, even a few minutes warning would be enough, especially at 70 MPH. I've heard that it's expensive to purchase the kit, and costly to have them installed too. While at the Wing Ding, we found a kit that just needs

to have the transmitters installed to the valve stems, the indicator in the dash someplace and away ya go. But we had spent soooo much money already and had to get to California and back so we didn't purchase them, even though we had had a flat tire already. Go figure?

The next time you see Corky and me on our rides, you can bet we will have a kit installed, or at least one on order, no matter the price. Shoot, we all pay hundreds of dollars for lighting kits that only make our rides look pretty. Why not pay the same amount to get something that just may save our lives? I have surfed the web and found only two different manufacturers of tire pressure kits. One by Duran and one by TireGard. Both make a kit for trikes as well as for two wheelers. The reviews for Duran are impressive and the costs are about \$50.00 higher than TireGard. Not too many people liked the TireGard. Duran can be installed either inside the tire or on the valve stems. I have found both to be offered by Wing Stuff and Show Chrome with prices about the same.

I'm curious. How many of you out there have the tire pressure kits installed and have a **story that end well to tell us or not so well**? PLEASE take a few minutes to email us your story at our email address: rcalex@fairpoint.net We'd also like to hear of any other kinds of tire mishaps. Lets all **consider** getting a Tire Pressure Indicator kit at our first opportunity, K? Our love and best wishes to Freida and Chase. By the way, how's the bike????? Remember: "Keep the Rubber Down, AND INFLATED, It Works Best That Way"
Ron and Corky
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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.
Glenda Forbus' sister Mary Deaton with health.
Tom and Brigitte Davisson with health.
Lem and Jerri Adams
Alice's mother Miriam Bundy, cousin Johnny Day, neice Kathy Kenne, and granddaughter in Afganistan.
Danny Cone kneesurgery.
Meady's son-n-law Chad Jefcoat.
Katie Arthur.
Melody Sharpton found a lump.
Boone Davis with health.

PRAISE:

For all our many blessings.
Mechler's safe northern trip.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Jewell McGee-----September 16
Mike Sanford-----September 22
Dave Hamilton-----September 26
Marcia Daniel-----September 29

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Hugh and Helen Gordon-----September 17
John and Sara Davis-----September 23

DISTRICT NEWS

I know that Fall is right around the corner, I hope we all don't melt before it gets here. We have been to a few activities this month and as usual we have had lots of fun.

Our North picnic was a huge SUCCESS. We had 171 members attend from 15 chapters. We just about ran out of FOOD!!! While playing a chapter competition game, a couple from Chapter T fell while playing; so we suspended the door prize give away. The door prizes that were left, we will give away at Snowball.

We went to the Region A plaque grab in Oxford. Chapter D had the plaque and 170 members showed up from AL, GA, MS and FL. The only District missing was SC, we also had a couple from TN. Chapter D did a really great job of hosting this. The 50/25/25 was \$167.00 twice and as usual, we were not even close to the winning numbers.

Afterwards, we went with Robert and Gail to meet Chapter Y for dinner at the Top of the River in Gadsden, good food, good friends always equals a good time. Chapter Y does a 50/50 any time they are on a ride. We did not win anything again, for me that is not unusual but Anita normally wins something, this time all she got to take home was me, I know, I am the Booby Prize.

The Region A rally is just around the corner and I am getting really anxious to go. Come and help us cheer on Steven and Tammy Hollingsworth (our 2009 District Couple) in the Region A Couple of the Year Selection. We could also use some help with Vendor Security, Lighted Bike Parade, and the Bike Show. If you are interested in helping with any of these, please let Robert and Gail or Ron and Corky know.

If any CD's are stepping down in December, please let us know by 1 December; so we can help your replacement with the paperwork before Snowball.

Requirements for the Rally Pin Design:

GWRRA or Gold Wing Road Riders Association

2010 Alabama District Rally

Huntsville, AL

April 1-3

Remember the Theme for the 2010 Alabama District Rally is "2010: A Wing Odyssey".

You may submit as many entries as you like and as often as you like. We will accept designs until November 15th, 2009. Please send entries to us.

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

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MECHLER'S SUMMER TRIP UP NORTH

By Tom Mechler

Well we had a great trip - a big difference being how often we had to use our A/C with we carried for our Pop-up - that would be about 3 times compared to our trip out west this was a cool trip. We used our A/C to keep cool one time going up and twice coming back home. Due north from Montgomery up through Tn, Kn, Oh, W Va, Pa to lake Erie and Niagara falls Ny. Around to Ontario and turn east across the Adorondak (sp) Mtns. Over to Bar Harbor. Didn't make it and Nova Scotia too costly & too much rain. Then South to Kennebunkport and Seekonk Ma for the NE rally. On to Pa to visit Steve and Michele and see the Amish country. Next to Philadelphia to see the schrine of the Meraculous Medal (Beautiful). Downtown Philly to see the Liberty Bell and Independence Hall. Escaped the big city just barely heading home now across the Chesapeake Bay Bridge and camping our way back home. Had a blow-out on my Time Out Camper trailer

going 70 on the interstate. Didn't really notice it until Leo told me over the CB. 30 minute delay to change tire. 1 hour delay to purchase new tire(s) at Wally World and Tractor Supply. All in all a great trip about 4600 miles in 29 days. Here are just a few off the several hundred picture we took.



A typical camp site



The Falls of Niagara Day and



The Falls of Niagara night



Eating Lobster and Crab in Bar Harbor



Judges at the NE rally



Snufalupagus (SP) in Michele and Steve's back yard



Landscaping done by Michele

She made all the White stones by hand she said in one big day she made 80 WOW!
Needless to say she has her own cement mixer You really need to see
Her before pictures to appreciate all the work she and Steve have put into this place it is

beautiful..



The Liberty bell

HOLD ON TO THOSE ARMBANDS OR TICKETS

When you go to Wing Ding or any GWRRA rally or function where there are armbands or tickets to be used for prize drawings and you do not have to be present to win, you best hold on to those things until all prizes are claimed. Just ask our chapter members John and Sara Davis.

UNCLAIMED GRAND PRIZE INFORMATION FROM WING DING 31:

ARAI HELMETS - by J&M Corporation: Winner Yellow Armband # 07592

His and Hers J & M/Arai helmets with J & M's high performance Intergrated Headsets installed.

Winner has choice of color, size and model of the Arai helmets. (Based upon Arai stock available in our inventory at time of Wing Ding.) www.jmcorp.com

We had a great time at Wing Ding in Tulsa. After we had returned home, we were looking at the GWRRA website for the Wing Ding in Des Moines and to our surprise we had the armband to win the helmets listed above. I have heard from GWRRA and they are sending the certificate to claim our helmets this week. The moral of our story is never throw those armbands away until you are sure all prizes have been claimed.

John & Sara Davis

NOTE: From what this editor was told, John actually did throw his armband away but Sara kept hers and it was hers that won. Aren't wife's wonderful, sometimes?

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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LUNCH RIDE
10am Honda

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Marcia Daniel

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Dave Hamilton

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