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Next Chapter Meeting

Front Porch Restaurant
Highway 43 N-Northport, Alabama
January 4, 2008
Eat-6pm Meet-7pm

Director Corner



We hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and wish you a Happy New Year. Diane and I are looking forward to serving as your Chapter Director. I promise it will be an adventure.

The Chapter Christmas Party was a great success. Worm Christian did an outstanding job playing the Dirty Santa. Everyone enjoyed the good food and

time spent with their friends.

The Chapter has several scheduled rides in January starting with the annual ride to Ezell's on January 1. We will leave RBC Bank at 9:00 a.m. This annual New Years Day ride, to meet Chapter A, draws over 300 bikes. Come on and join the festivities with your friends. Great ride, good fellowship, and good food.

Please don't forget about our meeting changes starting January 4. We will meet at the Front Porch Restaurant on Highway 43: Eat at 6:00; meet at

7:00. The annual Snowball Run is on January 5. We will meet at RBC at 8:00 a.m. and go on 2 wheels or 4 wheels.

Support Your Chapter. Your Chapter needs a good turn out to show support of our annual bike show. The chapter visitation will kick off on January 10. You can view the list of chapters on the calendar. Remember, this is your chapter. Please show your support by participating in the chapter visitation for our bike show in February. The ride is a blast!

Finally, we need your input. At the next chapter meeting, please bring your ride suggestions. You do not have to lead a ride to plan a ride. We have plenty of riders who don't mind leading to get somewhere.

For now, ride safe and have fun. See you on the next ride.

Roy and Diane

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Johnny and Jean Koontz for their service the last three years. I would also like to welcome Roy and Diane Beall as our new Chapter Directors and want to dedicate this video (to view video, click video on the NavBar at the left of web page) to them.

December Rides

Catching the Christmas Spirit

December 1, 2007

In the past few years, I have not gotten into Christmas as much as I have in previous years. That was before I took a journey on the Eldridge Toy Run. As the date for the ride got closer, it became apparent that I was not going to be able to get off work for the ride. I thought maybe if I go in early, I could make the ride. It did work out. As I was leaving our warehouse on 69 south, I could hear the group on the CB radio leaving the Northport Civic Center. I caught up with the group on Highway 171. When we got to Sulligent to meet the rest of our leg of the ride, there was a sight to behold. Motorcycles were everywhere. At one point on the way from Sulligent to Eldridge, someone made a comment that the front of the ride was in Winfield while the rear was in Guin. This great support for the cause brought tears to the old eye. We were given a good meal. Awards and Door prizes were given out. In fact, our own Kaye Jagers was given one of the outstanding Staff Awards. She also did a skit on a new fund that was started. The scholarship program is designed to allow for the residents to stay at the home while getting established in a community after graduating from High School. The gifts were then given out to the Children by

Santa. This ride is one that truly raises ones level of Christmas Spirit. If you have never been on the Eldridge Toy Run, I highly recommend it.

Chapter J Christmas Party December 2, 2007

Many gathered at the Phelps Center for the Annual Chapter J Christmas Party. The meat for the meal was provided by the chapter while the sides were brought by the members. Johnny and Jean said their farewells as Chapter Directors while handing the rains over to Roy and Diane. Billy and Lisa Bagwell also took over as the Couple of the Year 2008. Again old Dirty Santa (Worn Christian) showed up. It was one outstanding job. Some of the gifts stuck with their original owners while other made its way around the room several times. Fun was had by all.

Turning Point

December 11, 2007



Johnny and Jean Koontz, Roy Beall along with Mike Sullivan from Turning Point met at McFarland Mall to be on the Kip Tyner Show. Johnny presented Mike with a check from the Chapter for the funds we had raised during the year. James Dunkin and Greg Murphy was there to offer their support.

Next Regular Chapter Meeting

At our next regular chapter meeting on January 4, 2008, Roy and Diane Beall will take over the leadership of the chapter. The new meeting location will be the Front Porch on Highway 43 north in Northport. Well eat at 6:00 pm and meet at 7:00. All come and support Roy and Diane.

Chapter Visitation

In order to have a successful bike show we must visit other chapter to promote it. Here is our schedule of visitations. We need as many as can, go on these visitations.

Date	Chapter	Location	Starting Point	Time
1/1		Lavaca Ezell's Fish Camp	RBC Bank	9:00am
1/5		Snowball Run Embassy Suites Montgomery	RBC Bank	8:00am
1/10	Z	Ryan's SH Cobb Ford RD Prattville	RBC Bank	4:30pm
1/12	R	Mama Ree's Hwy 280 Sylacauga	RBC Bank	7:00am
1/14	Q	Shoney's Hwy 231 Wetumpka	RBC Bank	4:30pm
1/17	F	Chappy's 8139 Vaughn Rd Montgomery	RBC Bank	4:30pm
1/18	T	Plaza Café Hwy 216 Woodstock	RBC Bank	5:30pm

1/22	X	“The Bunker” 108-C 1 st St Alabaster	RBC Bank	4:30pm
2/2	K	Underwood CC 840 Co Rd 7 Florence	NPCC	7am All Day
2/2	N	Western Sizzler Hwy 77 Rainbow City	Florence	10:00am
2/8	C	Shoney’s Gardendale	RBC Bank	4:30pm
2/12	Y	Neighborhood Sports Grill Hwy11 Trussville	RBC Bank	4:30pm

Up Coming Events

December 31, 2008-Chapter J Event-Cook-out @ Roy & Diane Beall-6pm Bring Steak, side, and drink RSVP Roy @345-8062

January 1, 2008- New Year’s Day Ride-Ezell’s on the River- RBC Bank Skyland Blvd 9am

January 5, 2008 Snowball Run-Montgomery-RBC Bank-8am

January 19, 2008-Chapter H Reactivation First Anniversary

February 2, 2008-Hoizons Class-Bessemer

February 23, 2008-Chapter J Event-Bike Show-McFarland Mall

March 1, 2008-Chapter Y Funday-Gardendale Civic Center

March 13-15, 2008-Florida District Rally-Kissimmee FL

March 17-19, 2008-Louisiana District Rally-Lafayette LA

April 3-5, 2008-Alabama District Rally-Mobile Alabama

April 12, 2008-Chapter G Funday, Samson Alabama

May 1-3, 2008-South Carolina District Rally-Anderson SC

May 10, 2008-Chapter B Funday-Huntsville Alabama

May 17, 2008-Alabama District Picnic South-TBA

May 22, 2008-Arkansas District Rally-TBA

June 12-14, 2008-Georgia District Rally

June 14, 2008-Camp Smile-a-Mile

June 18-21, 2008-Honda Hoot-Knoxville TN

July 3-5, 2008-Wing Ding-Greenville SC

August 7-9, 2008-Kentucky District Rally-Lexington KY

August 16, 2008-Little Sturgis

September 11-13, 2008-Region A Rally-Dothan AL

September 14, 2008-Ride for Kids-Barber’s Motorsports-Leeds Reg 8am Ride 10am

September 18-20, 2008-North Carolina District Rally-Fletcher NC

October 9-11, 2008-Mississippi District Rally-Biloxi, MS

October 31, 2008-Chapter J Event-Halloween Ride to North Highland School

December 6, 2008-Eldridge Children’s Home Ride

December 7, 2008-Chapter J Event-Christmas Party

Riding Tip

THE FREEWAY LANE CHANGER

You are riding along on a three lane arterial road at night. You decide to pass a slower moving car ahead by changing lanes to the left. As you do this, the car in the far left lane also decides to pass. When you change lanes you should position yourself so that you will still have space away from the vehicle after the change. If you had turned your head you would have noticed the vehicle and its position. You could have dropped back in anticipation that the driver might also wish to change lanes and pass the slower traffic. You should always signal your intention at least 3 seconds before the maneuver.

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A Little of This and That

THE PERFECT HUSBAND

Several men are in the locker room of a golf club. A cell phone on a bench rings and a man engages the hands free speaker function and begins to talk. Everyone else in the room stops to listen.

MAN: "Hello"

WOMAN: "Honey, it's me. Are you at the club?"

MAN: "Yes"

WOMAN: "I am at the mall now and found this beautiful leather coat. It's only \$1,000. Is it OK if I buy it?"

MAN: "Sure, go ahead if you like it that much."

WOMAN: "I also stopped by the Mercedes dealership and saw the new 2007 models. I saw one I really liked."

MAN: "How much?"

WOMAN: "\$390,000"

MAN: "OK, but for that price I want it with all the options."

WOMAN: "Great! Oh, and one more thing...the house I wanted last year is back on the market. They're asking \$2,950,000" for it.

MAN: "Well, then go ahead and give them an offer of \$2,800,000. They will probably take it. If not, we can go the extra \$150,000 if it's really a pretty good price."

WOMAN: "OK. I'll see you later! I love you so much!"

MAN: "Bye! I love you, too."

The man hangs up. The other men in the locker room are staring at him in astonishment, mouths agape.

He turns and asks: "Anyone know who this phone belongs to?"

Confession

An elderly couple was having dinner one evening when the husband reached across the table, took his wife's hand in his and said, "Martha, soon we will be married 50 years, and there's something I have to know. In all of these 50 years have you ever been unfaithful to me?"

Martha replied, "Well Henry, I have to be honest with you. Yes, I've been unfaithful to you three times during these 50 years, but always for a good reason."

Henry was obviously hurt by his wife's confession, but said, "I never suspected. Can you tell me what you mean by 'good reasons?'"

Martha said, "The first time was shortly after we were married, and we were about to lose our little house because we couldn't pay the mortgage. Do you remember that one evening I went to see the banker and the next day he notified you that the loan would be extended?"

Henry recalled the visit to the banker and said, "I can forgive you for that. You saved our home, but what about the second time?"

Martha asked, "And do you remember when you were so sick, but we didn't have the money to pay for the heart surgery you needed? Well I went to see your doctor one night and, if you recall, he did the surgery at no charge."

"I recall that," said Henry. "And you did it to save my life, so of course I can forgive you for that. Now tell me about the third time."

"All right", Martha said. "So do you remember when you ran for president of your golf club, and you needed 73 more votes?"

Alabama District Director's Article

We have made it to a New Year. We hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We are looking forward to 2008 and visiting with all the folks we can.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at Snowball and getting the year started off with a good ride. We have always enjoyed the ride down to Montgomery and this year should be a good one. We will be there early on Friday and plan to have supper at a good restaurant with Bill and Dian. All who will be there on Friday are welcome to come along with us. We might even be able to talk to some of the folks from the Montgomery area to suggest a place or two that we can go eat. I know it will be January but maybe we could find us some ice cream somewhere afterward.

Snowball will be the first time we have been back to the Governor's House since we did the District Rally there in 1999. We had a great time and the Parade was the most fun of any GWRRA Parade we have ever ridden in, even the Montgomery Motorcycle Police Officers had a great time. We wound up at a Sonic on the other side of town in record time. Please come and join in on the fun. Jim Lee just reminded every one in an Email about going to supper Saturday night at Shogun's after the Officers' Conference. If you are interested in joining in please let Jim know. They have a room for 80 and it would be really great if we could fill it up.

The next thing coming up after Snowball is the Rally in Mobile. We are really looking forward to the gulf coast and some great fun, seafood, fun, ice cream and fun. I am looking forward to the different events that have been planned and seeing old friends and meeting new ones. Please get your registrations in as soon as you can. The Malaga Inn is full and Jim has found another hotel a little ways from the site, but it is easy ride in.

We will also have the north and south picnics this year at the same locations. We are trying to find a way to make it a little warmer for the north picnic. We had a very enjoyable time even with the heat.

Please remember that Freedom isn't Free and remember our folks who are in Harm's Way, be they Military, Law Enforcement, or Fireman.

The next time you think about going riding, call a friend, they are probably thinking the same thing.

Please Ride Safe and Often,
Roy & Anita Fosnight

Alabama Asst District Director

It's 2008 and we are in for a great ride. On the 1st the kick off ride for many inside the state includes a traditional ride. Many now go to Lavaca AL (Ezell Catfish House) while others take different rides. Last year 8 Alabama Chapters went to Ezell's. No matter where you go the important thing is we get the opportunity to enjoy each others company. Snowball gives us another chance in January to get together and win prizes, learn what is going on in the state and simply have a good time.

The New Year provides many, the time to reflect on our accomplishments and failures. It's time to make new plans and resolutions for the upcoming year. Last year I wanted to spend more time with our grandchildren. Two of them moved down the street from us and are at our house almost every day. Last year I wanted to grow the Alabama Rally. Not for growths sake but growth that would allow us to give away larger grand prizes and do more for the folks that attend the rally. The

rally did not grow but remained constant. We took a leap of faith and decided to give away more prizes and a 2008 Gold Wing at the upcoming Rally. This is something we have never done in Alabama. Was this a good decision? We will find out in a few months. That's right the rally is only a few months away and we need you to get registered and plan to come and enjoy the activities. Without the support of our Alabama Members we will fail.

Chapter members fall into several categories. There are some that will be there if at all possible. There may be some that have never been to a rally before or haven't been recently. There may be some that plan to attend a rally outside our state but not ours. I encourage you to promote our local rally above all others. We are now the only rally in our region that will give away a Gold Wing at the rally where you have to be present and fully registered to win. There are people that are assigned to your chapter (green bar report) that do not attend your meetings and need to be informed of the rally and what we are doing. Please help us by contacting all the people on this list and first invite them to your meetings and secondly invite them to the rally. If they do not attend your meetings then most will not even know anything about the rally much less attend.

If you have been to our rallies in the last three years you should have noticed the changes This year is pivotal. You see we believe like in the "Field of Dreams" if we build it you will come. This year we have set the table. We will have more vendors than ever before, we will have a cash payout Poker Run, the popular dunking booth, 50/25/25 drawings, door prizes given out daily, more seminars, ERC and Trike courses, CPR and First Aid classes, the lighted bike show indoors again, an ice cream social, a barbeque, a talent show and Jim Hubbard for entertainment with a large dance floor. We will have on site camping available if you are self contained. Oh did I mention, those that are fully registered can purchase tickets to win a 2008 Gold Wing.

See you soon,

Jim & Karen Lee



January 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4 Monthly Meeting Front Porch 6:00 to Eat 7:00 to Meet	5 Snow Ball Run RBC 8:00AM
6	7	8	9  Ron Kirkland	10  Larry Davis Chapter Z Visitation RBC 4:30 PM	11	12  Anne Coats Chapter R Visitation RBC 7:00AM
13  Jean Koontz	14 Chapter Q Visitation RBC 4:30 PM	15	16	17  Johnny Koontz Chapter F Visitation RBC 4:30 PM	18 Chapter T Visitation RBC 5:30 PM	19
20	21	22  Patricia Sellers Chapter X Visitation RBC 4:30 PM	23	24  Lehman Jagers	25	26
27  Roger Lucas	28	29	30	31		

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