

Emerald City Wings Chapter M



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March 2018

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Couple of the Year	David & Melissa Timbs
Individual of Year	Wayne Johnson
Chapter of the Year	Chapter P

GATHERING

Third Thursday of each month
IHOP Restaurant
6:00 to eat & 7:00 to meet



CHAPTER M

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Friends for Fun, Safety, and Knowledge
Gold Wing Road Riders Association



On Feb 3rd we loaded two cars of people and headed for Carolina Honda in Columbia to ride the new 2018 Goldwing. We carried our riding gear and coats. It was a pretty day but chilly. We arrived at the Honda dealership and there and behold were two brand new Goldwings. A beautiful blue and of course my favorite color red. They had just sold the blue one. The salesman told us we had a short wait. About half hour the couple brought the red one back. With smiling faces I knew they had enjoyed that ride. I couldn't wait to feel the automatic transmission and response of the sport mode. I was not disappointed in any part of the bike. If you get the chance to ride one, do so. It's a fun experience. Of course on the way back we had to stop at Farm Boys for wonderful BBQ.

On Feb 16, I headed out the door to get the bike and behold rain. We were going to Chapter E for their meeting. Well regroup, and in the car we went. Got to Echo South for the meeting. Several brave soles rode their bikes. We all looked at Buddy's new Goldwing and swooned over it. We had ten of our dedicated members that went with us. We enjoyed the meeting fellowship and buffet.

On Feb 24, Janice and I headed to Whitmire for the Valentine's Luncheon and Couple of the Year competition. Ted and Doris met us in the parking lot. We got a table, cup of coffee and a doughnut. The crowd soon began to arrive and the fun began. The fellowship of our friends is what it is all about. Everyone was spit polished and very knowledgeable. Congratulations to each one who participated.

David and Melissa Timbs, Chapter Directors of Chapter J, Myrtle Beach are the 2018 Couple of the Year. Wayne Johnson of Chapter P, Lexington has been named the 2018 Individual of the Year.

March 10th: Yoder's Restaurant eat at 12:00 meet at 1:00

There will be no gathering at the IHOP on Thursday, March 15th. We will be back on our regular schedule for the month of April.

Eddie and Janice

Geraldine

Geraldine stayed with Eddie and Janice mostly by default. Not a single, solitary person owned up to doing anything, even remotely, somewhat slightly off beat. Nobody was even willing to tell something they knew about anybody. Imagine that!! So, Eddie had misplaced his keys again. This time he left them in the front door. Nothing that exciting.

Happy Birthday
Linda Bridgers 3-6
Mona Borland 3-30



Happy Anniversary
Vince & Karen Moss 3-2
Steve & Jeanne Quam 3-30

March Newsletter

Welcome to the 3rd month of the year—or if you were born before 150 b.c., the first! According to those old (really old) calendars, one year was actually 10 months long. So what about January and February? They were too nameless months called “winter”, proving that winter is literally so awful it doesn't even deserve a spot on the calendar. There's an old saying which goes “March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb”. After a two week spring at the end of February, dark clouds are forming and the sunshine disappears. It becomes cold and bleak and then it begins...rain, and more rain. Dreams, possibilities and many crops that were to grow—further west they are being washed away with flooding. Some of those people must feel like they are on their last leg. I'm glad our rain has not been too severe. Speaking of rain—it was raining the morning a good group of Chapter M members went to Chapter E for the double points month. I, for one, was really excited because I am a self-described foodie—and there was to be a great breakfast buffet. We were the first people to arrive, and were welcomed like we were at a fine dining restaurant. The buffet turned out to consist of french toast, hashbrowns, lumpy oatmeal, dried-up grits, watered-down gravy, decent eggs, sausage, bacon, and hard biscuits. Sadly, I was disappointed. The bright shining experience though were the owners who were quite nice and that made up for the not-so-great breakfast. Plus we enjoyed our visit with old friends in Greenville. A lot of people think March is all about St. Patrick's Day and that will be March 17 this year. Also we've got March Madness going on, and on March 11 Daylight Savings Time will be coming back. March 20 is the start of spring. By the way March's flower is the daffodil—hopefully your yard has these little flowers blooming everywhere. They always make me feel happy. On March 10, we will be having our meeting at the world-famous Yoder's in Abbeville at lunch. We're going to have an early jump on St. Patrick's Day.

Happy celebrating,
Doyle and Linda



Dates of Interest in the Month of March

- 3-11 Daylight Savings Time Don't forget to set your clock ahead one hour.
- 3-17 St. Patrick's Day Very important to wear green on this day.
- 3-20 First Day of Spring The flowers are already blooming.
- 3-25 Palm Sunday
- 3-30 Good Friday

4-1 Easter Sunday The most important day of all.

We have lost a Man of God and a National Treasure.
Rev. Billy Graham

Some good safety reminders:

Make it a habit to use your turn signals---always!

Turn signals tell other drivers what you plan to do. They make your bike easier to see on the road. Nearby motor vehicle operators are more likely to notice your bike's flashing turn signal than its activated taillight. Equally important, however, is the need to deactivate your turn signal as soon as you complete your turn or as soon as you decide not to turn after all. If your turn signal remains activated after you have made a turn, the driver behind you may assume you will turn again, and he may pull directly into your path. Enhance your visibility by tapping your foot brake lightly before you slow down, especially when you anticipate a quick stop. The flashing brake light will alert the driver behind you to your sudden change in speed.

Stay out of blind spots

Motorcycles are more at risk in a blind spot or no-zone than other motorists because their cycles are relatively small compared to trucks and automobiles. Whenever you approach a vehicle you may want to pass, you must make a choice, and quickly too. Do you really want to pass? If so, pass as fast as you reasonably can. If not, drop back, well out of the blind spot. The less time you spend in another driver's blind spot, the safer you will be. As you travel along the roads and highways behind another vehicle, take care to position your bike where the other driver will be able to see you in his rear view mirror. Keep in mind that intersections are always dangerous. It's where most motorcycle crashes happen because auto or truck drivers who approach an intersection sometimes fail to see the motorcyclist who has the right of way.

Be careful out there!



Some highlights from 1998 for our famous Geraldine.....

Eddie: He's so talented, he caught his little toe in the shower track and broke it trying to get ready for work one morning. (ouch!) *Geraldine to the rescue, giving safety lessons!*

Nina: We can't leave this out - She and Calvin were out riding. Nina got too cool and thought she needed a long sleeve shirt. Well, it seems she was showing off - Her shirt had blown up and she was **SHOWING OFF!!** *Geraldine to the rescue....*

Emory: On one of our rides-to-eat, he knbumped the table and knocked off all the plates. Oops- *Geraldine to the rescue....*

Tony: Seems he and Marshall spent several hours hunting a phantom cow.....one he had sold several weeks earlier! *Geraldine to the rescue.....*

Jerry: Our Grand Pupa wanted a white mouth-piece for his CB. Well, a container of Clorox seemed like the perfect solution to changing his black cover to white. A couple of days later, Hazel found the container with what looked like a melted marshmallow! *Geraldine to the rescue.....*

Bobby & Judy: Mississippi Rally, Judy had too much to hold the morning we left for home. Eddie's bike was parked beside her, so she put their vest and map on the back seat of Eddie's bike. Eddie put them in his trunk. For a month they didn't even know!.....All three of them!!! *Well, thanks to Bobby & Judy, our own Geraldine is now a star on T.V!*

Thank you! Eddie & Janice

Geraldine starts out the new year with the Efflers!

Bob out-did himself.....He was in a panic thinking he had lost the yearly mileage attendance records; even sent Linda in search of them. Turns out he had already given them to Jim Grant!

By the way, he also arranged for a chapter ride to the Blue Ocean for lunch. It seems they opened two hours later. Well, Shealy's was a good second choice!

Blast from the Past

We thought it would be interesting to go back into the archives for some vintage newsletters. Much to our dismay, 1993 to 1998 have been misplaced. This article is from the January February Newsletter of 1999.

As you can tell, Chapter M members have had their share of misadventures!

Enjoy



Levels Training

Are you in the GWRRA Levels Program and a Level I? Or want to sign up to be a Level I and don't know what comes next? Well Level I is just a commitment to ride safe. Everyone can commit to that right? And there is no commitment to go further in the program. But if you do, what is the next step, you ask.

To advance to Level II requires a motorcycle/trike training course. Either a GWRRA or MSF certified on bike training course will fill the requirement. For new members or members that do not participate in a Chapter here are some places to get training. Most community colleges put on rider courses, beginner, intermediate and advanced. They have their own lot and MSF trainers. Anyone can sign up.

GWRRA also has certified training and puts on training courses. Always at Wing Ding and also at some District Rallies. Also, the separate Districts schedule training during the year as suitable parking lots come available.

This year South Carolina has two courses scheduled. An ARC (Advanced Rider Course) for two wheel machines will be held in Liberty, SC on April 7, 2018. A TRC (Trike Rider Course) will be held in Myrtle Beach, SC on March 17, 2018. Advance registration is required and can be completed through the SC District training calendar. The price is \$35 and is a deal compared to what it cost at a college.

I know some riders are saying "I have been riding for years and never had an accident so why do a training course now". Well if you have never been trained, NOW is the best time. You WILL learn and become a safer rider. You WILL instill more confidence in your co-rider, especially doing a course two-up. Afterwards you WILL be happy you did it.

I rode for years and knew that training was a good thing but there weren't many training opportunity's years ago. And I just never made an effort to find one but GWRRA made that opportunity available to me and I am a safer rider for it. We did the ARC two-up at Wing Ding in Texas last year and we are already signed up at Wing Ding in Knoxville this year. I made a commitment to do some sort of training every year.

Richard Kitko SC District Rider Ed

Upcoming Events Near S.C

Florida Rally

March 22-24 Hilton Orlando/Altamonte Springs, 350 Northlake Blvd, Altamonte Springs, Florida 32701

Tennessee Rally

April 12-14 2018 Country Cascades 204 Sharon Dr. Pigeon Forge, TN

South Carolina Rally

May 3-5, 2018 1227 McKibben St, Newberry, SC 29108

Alabama Rally

May 17-19, 2018 3101 Airport Blvd, Mobile, AL

Virginia Rally

June 28-30, 2018 No location information at this time.

West Virginia Rally

July 19-21, 2018 Elkins Recreation & Event Center 142 Robert E. Lee Avenue Ext. Elkins, WV

Georgia Rally

Aug. 2-4, 2018 Georgia Baptist Conference Center Chattahoochee National Forest 462 Sunrise Way Toccoa, GA

Wing Ding

Aug 28-Sept 1, 2018 Knoxville Convention Center 701 Henley St, Knoxville, TN

North Carolina Rally

Sept 27-29, 2018 Haywood County Fairgrounds 758 Crabtree Rd, Waynesville, NC

Mississippi Rally

October 11-13 No location information at this time.

You can find links to all rally flyers on the District website.

Chapter M Future Rides and Events

- 3-3 Saturday Ride to Chapter A Depart Northside Plaza (BiLo) at 5:00
- 3-10 Saturday Yoder's Restaurant eat at 12:00 meet at 1:00
- 3-14 Thursday No gathering at IHOP
- 3-24 Saturday Ride to Farm Boys Depart Hot Spot South at 10:15
- 4-8 Sunday Whitten Center Ride Depart Civic Center at 1:00



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