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What is a Chilly Willy?

As 2014 quickly disappears, 2015 is just as quickly upon us. It seems such a short time ago we were headed to Buckner's for the 2014 annual officer's meeting known as Chilly Willy. And what seems like only a few months since then, we are headed back to Buckner's for the 2015 meeting on January 17th. We have been attending Chilly Willy officer's meetings for the past 16 years. The first several meetings we attended were held at Buckner's so going back these past couple of years is kind of like going home. It definitely brings back happy memories of days gone by when we first made friends that shared the common interest of motorcycling and GWRRA. Though the location of Chilly Willy has changed over the past 15 years, the friends remain and we look forward to seeing them and having the chance to make more friends at every opportunity. As the name may suggest, Chilly Willy Officer's Conference is not just for officers. Chapter officer's are expected to attend, but it is also designed as the first District ride of the year for friends to gather and enjoy some

great food and fun. Everyone is invited to enjoy some of the best fried chicken and fixins in Georgia. After lunch there will be a 50/50 drawing then officers will receive valuable information provided by the District Staff regarding the operational side of GWRRA and upcoming events throughout Region A. Our favorite part is visiting with long time friends that we may not have seen lately and those that we may see several times a month. Weather permitting, which can be pretty nasty in January, we will ride our bikes to show off the new chrome and lights we got for Christmas or maybe that new bike we recently acquired. Betty has some pretty good ideas on what she might want to get for the trike to add more bling to the Wing. Chilly Willy is not only a requirement for annual officer's training, it is a tradition that we look forward to every year. We hope that if you haven't been to Chilly Willy in a few years or have never been you will join us and enjoy the ride, the friends and the food. We will leave Big E's on highway 300 just north of Albany at 8:30. Bill & Betty

If you are interested in filling a staff position in Chapter H, please contact any of the Chapter Staff listed above.

Always Be Aware and Prepare Your safety depends on it

The recent thoughts of a road incident that occurred in 2012 has again reminded me of the need to be constantly aware of what is going on around you while on the bike and in your mind prepare/react without hesitation as things change from it's a beautiful ride to Rut Ro this ain't good!!! I was riding home from work on the trike. I had the cruise set on 60 and was enjoying the ride. I had a black SUV following at a safe distance also maintaining 60. Life was good. About a half mile from a state road intersection and with a solid yellow center line, I caught glimpse of a green SUV coming around the car behind me. The vehicle continued on in the left lane attempting to pass me. As the SUV got beside me, another vehicle appeared in the left lane coming toward the SUV and me. I immediately braked to give the green SUV next to me a way to clear the lane for the oncoming vehicle. As luck would have it the green SUV also braked. I accelerated and the SUV did the same. I was thinking that I was dealing with a squirrel at the wheel. I also had the thought that if the oncoming vehicle swerved to avoid a head on, I would be the target. I did a visual check of the shoulder and ditch in case I needed a place to crash. Fortunately the oncoming vehicle turned at the intersection. The green SUV continued on beside me and then also turned at the intersection. I looked over at the driver but she never once looked my way. Had I not been aware and prepared things could have ended much differently. Take the opportunities presented to you and make them motorist awareness events!! There is more to the story. I recognized the driver as an employee of the school system where I work. The next morning, I sent her an email and asked if she drove a green SUV. She responded and said yes. I then sent a response that said "that was me on the white motorcycle last night. That attempt to pass about a half mile from 377 wasn't cool. You could have gotten me killed. Please, Please, Please, look

out for motorcycles and don't take chances like that." Shortly after that I received a phone call from the lady. She apologized for her actions and we had a nice talk about motorcycle awareness. A positive ending for a very dangerous situation.

Ride Safe — Rich Morgan



Happy Birthday to:

Chuck Farmer Dec 2nd
Jimmie Strickland Dec 27th
Sheila Andrews Jan 3rd
Frank Barron Jan 4th
JoAnn Cannon Jan 16th



Up Coming

Rides and Activities

Jan 8th Moultrie Meeting - Depart Moree's Store at 6 PM
Jan 17th Chilly Willy at Buckner's in Jackson Ga. Depart Big E's on 300 at 8:30AM
Jan 19th Tifton Meeting Depart Shell on Clark Ave at 6 PM
Jan 22rd Chapter H monthly meeting

