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GWRRA GEORGIA CHAPTER H

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Happy New Year.

The hustle and bustle of Christmas and New Year is behind us and we now look forward to new and exciting things in the new year. Just to recap the Christmas Party, without saying those that were able to attend had a great time with lots of fun and delicious food. Dirty Santa was very dirty this year and not everyone took home what they had initially opened but everyone went home with a great gift. With some last minute glitches in getting a location, Jeff and Maud graciously opened their home and from what I saw, I think everyone had more fun and socialized more than when we had the event at a large rented location. Did I mention the food..... there were so many wonderful choices, I don't think I got to sample all of them. We thank Jeff and Maud and offer our sincere appreciation for their generosity. The highlight of the Christmas gathering was the selection of Jeff and Maud as our Chapter Couple Of the Year for 2014. They have been very active in Chapter H since 2000 and after a V-65, four Gold Wings and even a Suzuki M109, they have traveled many miles with our members. Maud may have traveled in a four wheeler, but at least she went. The week following Christmas, ten of us headed to Lakepoint RV Park in Eufaula for a group camp out. With periodic rain and quite a chill in the air, it made camping interesting but still very enjoyable. We had a great time and Jimmie and Betty shared their fire pit for a location for us to gather and solve the world's problems. Not many problems got

solved, but the warm fire and friendship was memorable. As we look toward the new year, we want to plan some fun and interesting rides for everyone to enjoy. The best way we can do this is through your input. Those of us that ride together often have our favorite rides and restaurants but we want to add some places that you may have been that you think others may want to experience. We will have a few recruiting and motorist awareness events to get the word out to motorcycle enthusiasts in our community about GWRRA and Chapter H. We are always looking for new friends and one way to do this is to get out and let folks know who we are. If you have any ideas on ways to recruit new members, we are listening. If you haven't been on a ride with us lately, please come join us. Remember, ride safe and ride often.
Bill and Betty

Always Be Aware and Prepare

Your safety depends on it

Thoughts of a past road incident again brought home to me again 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:*

Sheila Andrews 3rd

Frank Barron 4th

JoAnn Cannon 16th

Janie Weaver 19th

Up Coming

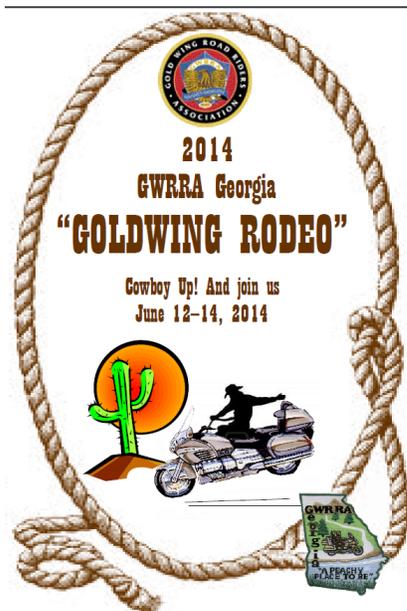
Rides and Activities

Feb 8th Diner Rider to Yoder’s—Leave Enmark on US 19 North at 4 PM

Feb 13th Moultrie—Leave Moree’s at 6 PM

Feb 17th Tifton—Leave Enmark on Clark at 6 PM

Feb 27 Chapter H monthly gathering



Rally Around GWRRA

See our website for flyers
chapterh.gwr-ra-ga.com

Florida	Mar 20-22	Kissimmee, FL
Alabama	Apr 3-5	Mobile, AL
South Carolina	May 1-3	Florence, SC
Georgia	Jun 12-14	Dillard, GA
Wing Ding	Jul 2-5	Madison WI
Region A	Sep 11-13	Eufaula, AL
Mississippi	Oct 16-18	Gulfport, MS