



# Chapter I-2



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## Director's Notes



**Happy Valentines Day** to everyone. Hope it was a great day for all!!!

Now that February is here and the weather is getting warmer, everyone is ready to have the wind in your face and hit the open road. I hope to be out there with you before long.

Our dinner ride to "Booty's" was great. Changing to Saturday and eating earlier seemed to work for more. We had 20 come and enjoy a good meal and fellowship. This month's dinner ride will be to "Vanna BBQ" Hwy 17 Vanna (this is also one of our sponsors). We will meet there at 4:30 p.m. Saturday Feb. 26. Vanna BBQ is south of Royston on Hwy 17 about 5 miles on the left.

We are working on getting everything ready for our Education Day on May 14th in Lavonia. We hope to have a great turn out and everyone learns a lot and will ride safer by learning as much as we can through Education.

You need to fill out a registration form as soon as possible. We want Chapter I-2 to have first priority in the PLP (Parking Lot Practice). We can have 12 bikes in each group. We will have one 2-wheel and one 3-wheel group in the morning. The same in the afternoon. It would be great if all of I-2 could come in the morning and let the visitors come in the afternoon. We will work with you either way to get you in the PLP. We will also have a Co-Rider seminar and a Team Riding seminar, these classes are unlimited in space. These will also be morning and afternoon, if we have enough people. I need your form back as soon as possible.

We need everyone to participate in this. We have worked hard to get this class here in Lavonia.



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# THE INVISIBLE MOTORCYCLIST

Larry Crouse Chapter Educator



“I never saw him. He came out of nowhere!” That’s probably the most common statements heard at a collision between an automobile and a motorcyclist. They’re usually made by the operator of the auto because the motorcyclist is unconscious (or worse).

As riders we wonder, ‘ How can they NOT see us? Are they just not looking ?”

A lack of attention on the part of the driver does explain some of the car/bike collisions; the distracted driver, cell ‘phones’, unruly children, etc. All these can contribute BUT some responsibility belongs to the motorcyclist as well.

I know. I know. That’s heresy. Let me explain.

- \* Motorcycles make up about 3% of the “normal” traffic flow.
- \* People “see” what they expect to see; things like cars and trucks unless the rider does something to visually stand out, he can be easily overlooked.
- \* Motorcycles ARE much harder to see than cars/trucks because of their smaller size.  
A motorcycle can easily be “lost” in the background even with the headlight on.
- \* Many motorcycles are colors that lend themselves to blending into the environment. Particularly dark colored machines (black is the color of pavement after all).

Many motorcyclist wear dark colored helmets ( or no helmet at all, but we won’t discuss those here) AND dark colored clothing. A number of studies in the US and abroad have shown that a light colored (white, silver, yellow) helmet is more noticeable (during daylight hours) than a dark colored (black, dark red, dark blue) helmet. Why? The driver sees this bright colored “orb” floating above the traffic (most riders heads are higher than the hoods/windshields of cars). It’s DIFFERENT.

Lastly (and sadly), most motorcyclists are not skilled in emergency maneuvers. Over 13% of the motorcyclists involved in fatal crashes made NO effort to avoid the collision . They didn’t brake, they didn’t swerve, they just rode right into the collision. That’s because, after they’ve gotten their license, they don’t practice those kinds of maneuvers regularly (or ever). Motorcycling is a SKILL . It takes practice.

So how can you NOT be the Invisible Motorcyclist?

- \* Position your bike so it can be seen and identified in the traffic stream.
- \* Wear bright colors.
- \* Consider getting a brightly colored bike.
- \* PRACTICE your emergency maneuvers.



## **Birthdays**

**February**

**11th Pete Belk**  
**14th Smitty Ellis**  
**18th Ronnie Vaughn**  
**28th Phil Palmer**

## **ANNIVERSARIES**

**February**

**1 7th Joe & Judy Hand**



## **Up Coming Events**



**Feb. 25th –27th**  
**Progressive® International Mo-  
torcycle Show. Greenville, SC.**

### **Dinner Ride**

**Feb.26 4:30 PM**

**Vanna Bar-BQ**

**March 17 –19**

**Florida District Convention**

**March 19, 2011**

**Chapter I-2 Gathering at**  
**Shoney's Eat at 11 am Meet at**  
**12 noon**

### **Dinner Ride**

**March 26 TBA**

**May 14 All Day**

**Rider Education Day**  
**Lavonia Ga.**



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**Bruce Gregory** with his illness



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30	31												

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	<b>Pete Belk Birthday •</b> ▲ 10:00AM Ga Chapter S Sweetheart Poker Run (Midway Christian Church, 1406 Hog Mountain Rd., Winder GA 30680) ▲ 4:00PM Chapter I-2 Bowling Trip (CLARKESVILLE FUN BOWL, 583 Grant St, #B, Clarkesville, GA 30523)
13	<b>Valentine's Day ♦ United Sta</b> <b>Smitty Ellis Birthday •</b> 14	15	16	<b>Joe &amp; Judy Hand Anniv...</b> 17	<b>Ronnie Vaughn's Birthday</b> 18	▲ 11:00AM Chapter I-2 Monthly Gathering ("Shoney's, Lavonia, GA) 19
20	21	22	23	24	<b>Progressive® Interna... ♦ Carolina First Center, One Exp...</b> 25	▲ 4:30PM Ga I-2 Dinner Ride (Nanna BBQ, Hwy. 17 S. Vanna, Ga.) 26
<b>Progressive® Interna... ♦ Ca</b> 27	<b>Phil Palmer Birthday •</b> 28	1	2	3	4	5

# March 2011



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13	14	15	16	17	18	▲ 11:00AM - 1:00PM Chapter I-2 Monthly Gathering ("Shoney's, Lavonia, GA)
	Larry Pounds' Birthday •					▲ 5:00PM - 8:00PM Ga I-2 Dinner Ride (TBA)
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	1	2