



Chapter I-2



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Director's Notes

With Spring here, and the weather warming up, we all start riding more. Please make sure that you and your bike are in riding shape.

Check your tires for wear , weather cracks, cuts, air pressure, or anything that could impaired the tires integrity. Check all your fluids and lights.

Also, don't forget your riding gear. Helmet, gloves, jacket, pants, and boots . Check general condition, wear and tear. Helmet manufactures recommend a new helmet, if they have been in an accident, dropped or they are 3 or more years old. Please remember to ride safe !!!!

To do this, sharpen your skills by taking a Riders Course. We will be putting on a course at the Lavonia First Baptist Church, May 14, 2011, starting at 8 :30 A.M. Guarantee you will have fun, and thank yourself for taking the course.!!!

Our ride on Saturday , April 16, will be to Mountain City, Fox Fire Museum. We will be leaving after the meeting.

April 23, we will try again to go to Hiawasse. Leave at 9 A.M. From Exxon, Lavonia.

Also on April 24, we will be riding to Front Royal, Virginia, to ride down the Shenandoah Valley and the Blue Ridge Parkway. This will be a full week ride. Anyone interested contact me. You don't need to ride the whole Parkway, if you need to come back earlier. Come and ride as much as you can !!!!

Frank



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Why Should I take a Rider course?

Larry Crouse Chapter Educator



This question is one that many of us find easy to answer. What we may not understand is why anyone would need to ask it. There are some riders in each of our chapters that choose not to participate in an instructed Rider Course. Let's examine this and try to understand why, and look at what a Rider Course can do for you.

Some may say, "I've been riding for years. I don't need to take a class." Others will boast about the miles they have accumulated on two wheels and ask, "what can they teach me?" Have you ever tried to persuade someone so strongly put that you don't want to talk to them about the benefits of rider training. Sometimes, people hide their self doubt behind a curtain of confidence and bluster. Is it possible to have all the knowledge and skill necessary to avoid any accident? Well, if one chooses not to ride very far or very often, then perhaps it is possible. But I wouldn't want to be my life on it !!!

Do you remember a single season in your riding career without at least one close call or near miss due to another motorist's driving behavior? How about a single month? If you ride around the state or across the country, you expose yourself to many different situations that require anticipation of all the possible actions of other drivers. You have to be prepared to counter with the proper response—whatever their action — and do it in a split second !! A motorcycle Rider Course helps prepare you mentally and physically to execute the kinds of maneuvers called for by a driver's unexpected actions. We look upon these classes as an opportunity to learn and improve our riding skills in a safe environment.

The instructors are trained to spot the little techniques during range exercises that riders tend to forget to employ on the road. They provide reminders to all students in a positive manner. Their trained eyes and constructive comments are geared to put each of us on the path to being the safest riders we can be. This can help with your attitude and performance on the road. Being reminded of the best techniques to execute different skills does not hurt at all. It is painless. The practice and coaching help to improve our skills, whether we never knew the technique to use, or just need the occasional reminder. Hey, who doesn't appreciate a reminder from time to time? Especially when it is about something you want to do correctly and safely, but may have just forgotten the best method.

In athletic training we are taught that practice makes perfect. And when you practice something you enjoy doing, it's just a lot of fun! Practicing motorcycle riding maneuvers in a closed parking lot with someone else (the instructors) monitoring the range to protect the riders from outside hazards helps you focus your attention on the task at hand— becoming a better rider !!!

On another level, taking a Rider Course will help you qualify for advancement in the Rider Education Levels Program, to Level II or above, or keep you current in your present level. And there is one more thing to remember about all GWRRA Rider Course offerings. Nobody fails! Everyone who completes the course receives a course completion card. There are no minimum performance requirements. You are asked to push yourself to improve your abilities. You won't get better at it if you don't try. Sign up for a Rider Course today. You will thank yourself later !!!!

Where Do I Fly My Flag ?

With the approach of Memorial Day and the 4th of July, many have asked “what is the proper way to display the American Flag” on our bikes.

When the US Flag is flown alone, it should be at the “center” on the rear of the motorcycle, or its “marching right”. The „marching right” is on the right side of the motorcycle to the rider’s perspective when facing forward.



If the US Flag is on your bike with another, it should be to its “marching right”. This means displaying the flag with no other to its right.

If displayed with multiple flags, the US Flag should be centered and highest. The other flags should be arranged in alphabetical order and in decreasing importance. i.e. Nations first, states (in order of admittance) and territories second, military third (in order of establishment) and then any other flag.



Birthdays

April

8th Joe Colvard

15th Karen Lewis

18th Carlos Lozano

23th Bruce Gregory



ANNIVERSARIES

April

5th

Larry & Linda Watkins



Up Coming Events



Lunch & Ride

April 23 Will leave Lavonia Exxon At 9 AM to ride to Hiawassee To visit Chapter J And have Lunch.

April 24 -29

Blue Ridge Parkway ride Leave Lavonia Around 2 PM

April 30 Relay For Life Carnesville Ga.

May 14 All Day

Rider Education Day Lavonia First Baptist Church

May 21 , 2011

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

Dinner Ride

May 28 TBA



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Sam & Bonnie Bender recovering from their accident.

Betty Andrade as she recovers from Foot surgery.

Bruce Gregory with his illness

Doyle Barker Shane Funderburke's Grandfather open Heart surgery



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| 3 | 4 | Larry & Linda Watkins ... 5 | 6 | 7 | Joe Colvard Birthday • 8 | 4:00PM Bowling Outing with Chapter I-2 (CLARKESVILLE FUN BOWL, 583 Grant St, #B, Clarkesville, GA 30523) 9 |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | Karen Lewis' Birthday • 15 | 11:00AM Chapter I-2 Monthly Gathering ("Shoney's, Lavonia, GA) 16 |
| 17 | Extened TAX Day • Carlos lozano's Birthday • 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | Bruce Gregory's Birthday • 4:30PM Ga I-2 Dinner Ride (TBA) 23 |
| Blue Ridge Parkway & SkyLine drive Ride | | | | | | |
| Easter Day ♦ United States 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |

May 2011



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| Mother's Day ♡ | | Judy Hand Birthday ● | | | | Chapter I-2 Rider-Ed... ♦ Lav |
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| 15 | 16 | 17 | Betty Andrade Birthday ● | 19 | 20 | ▶ 11:00AM - 1:00PM Chapter I-2 Monthly Gathering ("Shoney's, Lavonia, GA) |
| 22 | 23 | Ronnie Lewis' Birthday ● | 25 | 26 | 27 | ▶ 4:30PM - 7:30PM Ga I-2 Dinner Ride (TBA) |
| 29 | Memorial Day ♦ United States | 31 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |