



GWRRA LAVONIA, GA

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Director's Notes

Our dinner ride to Hawg Wild, in Clarkesville was great, we had 22 attending. We had a lot of fun

As you know GWRRA has started a Officer Certification Program. Ronnie and myself attended these classes April 24-25. There was a lot of information to go over in these two days. Some new things I will tell you about that will effect all chapters. We will no longer have meetings, we have GATHERINGS. Rallys are now CONVENTIONS. We no longer have a Staff, the new name is TEAM. All of this is to try and change our IMAGE. There are a lot more things going on within GWRRA, all for the benefits of members. Enough on change for now.

We have a ride coming up on May 22, we hope all can make it. We will be going to Madison GA to visit the Microcar Museum. The cost for the Museum is \$5 per person. We will be eating lunch at Cracker Barrel in Madison. Don't forget the Convention in Hiawassee June 17,18 & 19. We will not have our Gathering in June at Shoney's. We will try to get together at the Wing-Fling in Hiawassee. Next Gathering at Shoney's will July 17. See you at the Wing-Fling!! Frank

Chapter Newsletter-Rider Education May 2010

As a new chapter we are learning what it's like to ride together. Those of us who participated in the Team Riding and Team Captain training a few weeks got a new (or renewed) perspective on the complexities of team riding. With the likelihood of more team riding this summer here are a few essentials...

The operative word is "team", we are not individual bikers clumped together. Thinking, communicating, and functioning as a team is crucial.

Everyone on the team plays a key role, even those of us in the middle of the formation.

While the Lead or the Drag may initiate movement or lane shifts, middle-formation riders are responsible to pass on and acknowledge commands and hand signals

All of us are responsible to point out potholes and road kill, gravel, sand in the corners, and other hazards. Hazards don't always appear in front of the Lead bike.

We need to maintain safe spacing with the other bikes around us.

As we've been reminded before, we need to ride our own ride. We *must* stay alert. On the other hand, as a *team* we do share responsibility for watching out for other bikes in our team. While we can't always depend on our team members, it is assuring to know that our eyes and ears aren't the only ones functioning as we ride together.

A team riding like a team is a thing of beauty; there really is something impressive about a group of Wings negotiating in sync. But a team riding like a team exponentially increases our visibility; and visibility is <u>really</u> a thing of beauty!

Ride Safe, Ride Proud, Dress Loud Phil Howard



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Birthdays

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Ronnie Lewis 5-24

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Up Coming Events



May 16 10 am

Memorial Motorcycle Ride Departing from White County Courthouse Parking Lot. Stands up At 10:am

May 22 9:30 am

Ride to Mircocar Museum will meet at the Exxon in Lavonia Stands up at 9:30 we will eat lunch at Cracker Barrel in Madison

May 28 6:30 pm

Dinner Ride

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Ga. District Convention Wing Fling Hiwassee Ga.

I-2 will not have a Gathering at Shoney's will meet in Hiwassee.

June 25 Dinner Ride

June 30-July 3

Wing Ding 32 Des Moines Iowa

July 17

Chapter I-2 Gathering

Shoney's Lavonia 12 noon

CONCERNS

Joe & Merrie Colvard, on the passing of Joe's Father.

Shelia Finney, on the passing of her daughter.



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