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# GWRRA GEORGIA CHAPTER H November 2011



### Our October 27<sup>th</sup> Meeting

Even though the crowd was kind of sparse for our Chapter H members, there was a great turn out of bikes in the parking lot at our monthly gathering in October. Thanks to Barry Owens and the large group of 7 from Tifton it made a total of 19 in attendance. As usual we had a lot of fun with the jokes and the Halloween Bingo game. There were five winners that took home some goodies for the Trick Or Treaters. If you recall, we discussed the Christmas party and let everyone know that the annual event will be held at the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge on Dunbar Lane on 3 December. The festivities will start at 6:00PM and the Chapter will buy the meat and we asked everyone to bring something that will add to the turkey and ham. We decided we would get a list of what you wanted to bring at the November meeting. Also, don't forget the Dirty Santa gift valued at \$15.00 or less. We decided this year we would just put all the gifts in a pile and let everyone just pick a gift instead of the usual male and female groups of gifts. This will make it more interesting and fun. Barry talked about the Chapter O Fun Day which was a great event. Chapter H won the plaque for the largest Chapter in attendance. Rich talked about the importance of Motorist Awareness and how talking to people about our motorcycles makes the motoring public more aware of us motorcycle riders. Also, there will be another Medic First Aid CPR/First AED class on 10 December at the Lee County Board of Education office. Betty Livingston won the ride pot and even though it was only \$11.00, it was almost enough to fill the gas tank on the Wing. It was another great gathering with lots of friends and fun. We look forward to

seeing you at the next gathering which will be the Christmas party.

Ride safe and ride often.

### What do I get from my membership

The answer to that question depends on you. Now you are probably wondering just what are we talking about. If you think back, for some of us many years back, and ask yourself, why did I join GWRRA? For a lot of us, it was to have the opportunity to join an organization that shared the desire to ride our motorcycles. It could have been because we were missing social interaction with people that share the same interests. For whatever reason, you decided to join our wonderful organization. Now that you did join, is it what you expected? Does GWRRA meet your expectations as a social group you want to be associated with? If it doesn't, ask yourself.... Do I participate in Chapter events? Do I come to the monthly gatherings? Do I go on rides? Do I take advantage of the free riding courses, CPR and First Aid and other courses that provide information about GWRRA? Do I offer suggestions for rides or events to the Staff? Do I get involved in Chapter operations by volunteering to assist by being on the phone tree, passing out door prizes, writing articles for the newsletter? How many other Chapters have you visited? When was the last time you went to a District rally or Wind Down? Are you aware of all the benefits provided by the home office? When was the last time you looked on the Georgia District web site (<http://gwrra-ga.com/gagw/Welcome.html>)? When was the last time you looked on the Chapter H web site (<http://chapterh.gwrra-ga.com/>)? Have you found the answer to the question yet?

I guess what we are trying to say here is that you get out what you put into your membership. If you get involved, you will get so much more for your membership. We are not suggesting that you jump up and volunteer to be a Chapter Director, District Director or Region Director, we are just suggesting that to get all you can from belonging to GWRRA, get involved. Come to the monthly gatherings, go on rides, visit other Chapters, do something that will give you more benefit from membership. Jeff is always looking for suggestions to make things better, so please let us know things you want to do, places you want to go, and of course any places you would like to ride to eat. This is your Chapter, so get the most from it.

Bill and Betty Livingston



### Trailer Safety

Trailers are a wonderful thing. They give you more room for your stuff!! But with out proper preparation and thought, your trailer can become a real liability.

You should always carry out a good safety inspection for the ride just as you do with your bike. The GWRRA Rider Education Program N.19 Trailer Check form is an excellent guide. There is more to the trailer then lights, wheels, and hitch. Everything should be checked as the item missed could ruin an otherwise great ride.

Now that the trailer has been checked it is ready for your payload. Packing should be done so that items won't shift on the road or during braking. Don't exceed the trailer manufacturer's maximum load rating and tongue weight. You can adjust your tongue weight by changing the load placement within the trailer. You might consider putting the heaviest item over and slightly forward of the trailer axle. Remember tongue weight is added weight on the rear suspension of the bike. The sum of your passenger, bike side pocket/trunk cargo, and tongue weight should not exceed the bikes recommended rear end load limits.

OK your checked and packed so it's time to get **On The Road Again**. You must now add a few more things to your thought processes as you ride. Your bike brakes now have additional weight to contend with so anticipate braking and allow for more stopping distance. Like wise your take off will be a bit slower so make sure you have the additional room needed when you take off from a stop or pass traffic on the road. Besides checking for traffic in the rear views you need to also take a look see at the trailer occasionally to make sure it is tracking

correctly behind you. If you feel any strange vibrations in the bike or observe abnormal trailer motion, **STOP** and check it out. It is always best to err on the side of caution. Happy Trailering— Rich Morgan



November Birthdays

Earlyne Munson 2nd

Rich Morgan 7th



### November Anniversaries

Ron & Earlyne Munson 11th

Barry & Barbara Owens 12th

## UPCOMING

### Rides and Activities

#### December

**Deck the halls with boughs of holly. Tiz the season to be Jolly!! Party Time - Chapter H Christmas that is!!**

Saturday December 3rd at the FOP Lodge on Dunbar Lane from 6PM until!!

Bring finger food, deserts, and beverage enhancers as desired. The Chapter will spring for the meat and sodas.

Dirty Santa will be in the house. All gifts in one pile and everyone gets a pot luck draw. We are breaking the tradition of ladies and Gents draw. Keep it around \$15 or less.

We guarantee a good time will be had by all



#### Saturday Dec 10th

Chapter H MFA CPR/1st Aid Class  
9 AM—1PM Lee County Board of Education  
Leesburg, GA

District Sponsored Advanced Riding Course (ARC)  
in Warner Robins visit the District Web Site for details  
[WWW.GWRRA-GA.COM](http://WWW.GWRRA-GA.COM)  
Advanced Registration \$25  
Refunded upon course completion

