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KICK TIRES

1st, 2nd, & 4th Thursdays

**1st -Village Inn-2525 Gulf
to Bay**

**2nd- Country Skillet-2829
Roosevelt Blvd**

**4th-Rotating -See calen-
dar**

Eat at 5:30 Meet at 7:00

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**2011 & 2013 FLORIDA DISTRICT
CHAPTER OF THE YEAR ***

**2011 REGION A CHAPTER OF THE
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**2011 1st RUNNER UP INTERNA-
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GENERAL GATHERING

3rd Thursday -Cozy Corner

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**NEW CHAPTER FL1-M MEMBERS
PLEASE WELCOME THEM**

**BILL AND WINNIE MCGILL
LISA BUSSIÈRE
GLENN AND JOANNE DUNCAN**



DO YOU KNOW WHAT TV SHOW THIS IS FROM??????????



Tell Margie Miller (wmiller120@tampabay.rr.com) what this is and receive 10 Chapter \$\$

THOUGHTS FROM OUR CHAPTER DIRECTORS

We hope that everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving Day!

Lots of food and time shared with family and friends.

Our busy Holiday Chapter Schedule is upon us

It officially kicked off with the bike decorating party at Curtis and Kim Palmore's house.

There is something planned almost every evening so please attend what fits into your personal schedule.

Please come and ride with us even if your bike is not decorated.

We will send a weekly email since the website calendar does not have space to provide enough details.

Changes to the December calendar occur frequently so please check the website often in addition to your emails.

LET'S HAVE FUN WITH OUR LIGHTED BIKES AND RAISE SOME MONEY FOR OUR FAVORITES CHARITIES!

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Tracy and Sharon



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
Please note that rides are subject to change		1	2 La Plaza MHP RM 6 PM Village Inn Clearwater	3 Oak Crest MHP RM 6 PM Lake Park @ Seminole Apple Bee's Bardmore	4 Gull Aire Village MHP RM 6 PM WaWa's 7 PM Parade then Countryside Mall Village Inn Clwr	5 Park Royale MHP Meet @ 6:30 PM Candy Cane Lane Holiday in the park	
	6 Chapter Annual Christmas Party 1 PM till 6 PM Park Royale	7 Paradise Shores Meet at Kohl's 6:30 PM Tyrone Mall	8 Seminole Area Pawlik, Lantz, Makinster, Country Park RM 5:30 PM	9 Break	10 Kick Tire Carmelita's 7705 Ulmerton Rd Ride to Follow @ 6:30 to Botanical Gardens	11 Sky Harbor RM Clearwater Mall 6:30 PM Return to Mall Village Inn	12 Pinellass Park Parade RM 4:15 Country Skillet
	13 Schultz / Hale Paradise Island MHP RM 6 PM	14 Break	15 Mainlands RM 6:15 PM Parade @ 7 PM Country Skillet	16 Quaker Stean N Lube Lighted Bike Show Meet at Quaker Steak at 6 PM	17 Monthly Gathering Cozy Corner 1700 S Missouri	18	19 Dinner Country Skillet 4:30 PM Morningside Estates RM 6:00 PM Largo Central Park
	20 Break	21 Break	22 Toys for Pinellas Distribution RM 5:30 PM Beach Ride	23 Break	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas	26 Honey Do
	27 Honey Do	28 Team Meeting Park Royale 7 PM	29	30 	31 New Years Eve Party Kim & Curtis 7:30 PM till ?	Chapter Golf Meets each Thursday at Chi Chi's 3030 McMullen Rd 7 AM Tee Time	



The Third Gyroscope

Adds stability

By: James R. Davis

There are three, not two, sources of gyroscopic forces on your motorcycle: the spinning front wheel, the spinning rear wheel, and your engine.

Within the engine the spinning crankshaft and flywheel create rather strong gyroscopic forces that are NOT dependent upon how fast your motorcycle is moving!

Indeed, a motorcycle that is stopped is far more stable with the engine running than it is with that engine off (this is known as 'sur place' stability) because of the gyroscopic force created by those spinning components.

Gyroscopic forces are generated as a function of the mass involved, where that mass is located relative to the axis of spin, and how fast that mass is spinning.

On a medium sized bike (about 600 cc's) the mass of the crankshaft and flywheel is roughly equivalent to that of your front wheel, tire included.

Because a wheel with tire has the vast majority of its mass located toward the outside (relative to the hub), it generates substantial rotational momentum when it spins.

Clearly a wheel spinning at 100 RPM generates a larger amount of gyroscopic force than a similar mass in the form of a crankshaft and flywheel that are also spinning at 100 RPM.

But no wheel on a motorcycle ever spins at 7,000 or 8,000 RPM like a revved up engine and that is when that spinning crankshaft and flywheel generate the majority of their gyroscopic forces.

Yep, the faster your engine turns, the more stable your bike will be, regardless of how fast that bike is traveling.

So what? How does that help you with your riding?

Well, as you know, it takes virtually ZERO balance on your part to keep a moving motorcycle from falling over. That is, if the bike is moving faster than you can run.

But when that bike is moving more slowly then you need to contribute balancing effort to keep the bike upright. Some people find riding very slowly to be almost beyond their skill level - or beyond their comfort level - or, because of inner ear problems, beyond their capability.

Ever watch a 'slow race'? That is where a group of motorcycles try to cover a marked distance in the longest possible time without ever touching the ground with their feet.

It takes great skill to be really good at such a race. Some have learned that riding only the rear brake helps in a slow race because that tends to lower the motorcycle and lengthen its wheelbase.

But very few have thought about simply revving up their engines while riding slowly to add stability. The audience of such a slow race might not understand what a knowledgeable rider is doing if he races his engine during a slow race, but his hidden gyroscope would be working to help him win that race.

Now let's be clear about something here. MOST motorcycle engines are mounted in such a way as to have their crankshafts and flywheels spinning on the same axis as their wheels. Some, however, have engines mounted where the crankshaft and flywheels are spinning at a 90 degree angle relative to the wheels. In THOSE motorcycles, when you rev the engine there will be a noticeable (sometimes severe) tendency of the bike being 'pushed' into a lean to the right or left and that is NOT stability, it is instability in evidence.

Big bikes, like the Honda Goldwing, have crankshafts and flywheels that are mounted at a 90 degree angle relative to the wheels but they are purpose built to have the crankshafts and other components (like the alternator and possibly the clutch) spin in opposite directions to self-cancel their gyroscopic effects. They, as a result, neither tend to lean to the left or right when you rev them up, nor do they add stability.

But MOST engines, as I said earlier, have crankshafts and flywheels spinning along the same axis as the wheels and THOSE engines add stability when you rev them.

Moving slowly and not too sure if you can keep that bike upright without touching a foot to the ground? Try revving the engine. (Be CERTAIN to have a good grip and control of your clutch lever, of course.)

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(James R. Davis is a recognized [expert witness](#) in the fields of Motorcycle Safety/Dynamics.)

SUBMITTED BY TRACY DUNN



**Halloween
Kick Tire at
Largo Central Park
was SPOOKY!**



Thanksgiving Charity

Since November 1st, I've been badgering and nagging you all for donations to the Turkey Lady and it all paid off. Well, I didn't really nag as much this year, but I did beg a lot. So Tracy isn't the only one in this Chapter begging. The chapter's donations totaled \$1500.00 and I thank you for your support. Briefly I want to tell you a little about this organization and how much the Thanksgiving charity provided this year.

Robin started this grass roots organization, 22 years ago; because she felt that many people donate to charities at Christmas, but that those with needs are often forgotten at Thanksgiving. We have been fortunate to participate in this for 16 of those years. She wanted to help the community that has been good to her, so she collects contributions only from friends and family to purchase dinners for the holiday. Once the funds are collected, she matches them, from her own pocket. Then she purchases as many dinners for four that the funds will buy. A dinner for four consists of; one turkey (15-20 lb.) one box of stuffing mix and two cans of vegetables. This food then goes to the Salvation Army (SA) for distribution. The SA was chosen, rather than other food banks, because they only distribute food to those that show they are in need, and then give them a voucher to pick up their food. It's a good system and helps to eliminate fraud. Also the SA added a box of mashed potatoes, a can of fruit and a small desert to make the meal more complete.

Robin has matched donated funds two for one since 9-11-01, because they felt the need to do more. So the \$1500.00 that we collected this year bought \$4500.00 of food. Between all the monies she collected and her generous donation, we bought 8550 dinners for four and many that may have not had a decent holiday meal were provided for.

Once again, the YMCA let the SA use the empty lot the on the south side of the SA campus to set up the distribution site in order to be more efficient... This lot has a paved drive around the perimeter, so people could just drive in, present their ticket, and pick up the food without ever getting out of the car. Kind of like the McDonalds drive through but you can't get fries with it. In the past, the handicapped and elderly had a difficult time getting their groceries back to the car, so this made distribution quick and safe. The food tickets that were given out, had a day and time for the person to pick up their food. This kept traffic congestion down so we were not backing up onto Highland Avenue. An army of volunteers bagged groceries, collected vouchers and handed out food. We had volunteers from Salvation Army, Publix Super Markets, High school cheer squads, Civil Air Patrol and other organizations that I didn't know. The whole scene was an impressive sight.

Who would have thought that what began as a small, simple act of kindness, would grow into the mega event it has become. In twenty two years this has grown from 11 turkeys to 8550 complete dinners. We were up from last year by over 1000 dinners!!!! It took four 53 foot refrigerated trailers, just to deliver the turkeys and two more semi trailers to deliver the dry goods. Next year I hope we can help Robin set another record. She'd like to hit the 10,000 mark in 2016.

Robin wanted me to pass on her thanks and her appreciation for our help. I responded with our thanks for her allowing us to be a part of this charity. Likewise, I personally want to thank all of you that donated for helping a worthy cause and making others holidays more enjoyable.

We can be proud that we made a big impact in helping to feed over 34,000 people this Thanksgiving. Happy holidays!

Bugman



It's about the ride and the GWRRA family

It was about 7 a.m. when we got our act together and headed out of town on our two week ride that would take us about 2300 miles. The first portion of our ride would take us up through the west coast of Florida, from Clearwater to Chiefland then Live Oak. We would make stops in Douglas, Georgia and then an overnight stay in Dublin, Georgia. The route we selected took us on all rural roads where traffic was light, which gave us the opportunity to really enjoy the small towns and smell the fragrance of the farmlands that we passed by. The weather couldn't have been better. It was slightly overcast with the temperatures in the mid 60's. Upon arriving at Dublin it was only a short walk to a nearby eatery where we enjoyed a tasty meal and then headed back to our rooms.

Waking up the next morning was quite a surprise. It was a clear bright sun shining day with the temperature just hovering above freezing! Bundled up with grip and seat heaters turned on we headed up to Milledgeville, Madison and then up through Athens, Georgia. The bright sun felt good and by the time we reached Athens we shed our survival attire to more comfortable riding clothing.

We took a break at Tallulah Falls which enabled us to stretch our legs, take a few pictures and down some liquids.



Pressing on, we made our way up to Clayton then headed west to Hiawassee, which would be our home base for the remainder of the week.



The hotel was a short walk away from a nice country style buffet where we would replace lost calories from long days of enjoyable mountain riding. To our astonishment our nearby eatery was where chapter Georgia J held their monthly gatherings.

During the early stages of planning our trip, our senior chapter directors Tracy and Sharon Dunn contacted the chapter directors in Hiawassee, Georgia (Chapter GA-J) to see if they would be able to give us any ideas where some of the less known good rides could be found. Wow, in the true family spirit of GWRRA, Bob and Kathy Hill set us up with some of their members who were more than willing to show us them thar back roads. After contacting Sandy and Gordon Tumb, the ACD's of chapter J, we decided that maybe instead of heading out at 8:30 am the next morning, that 9:30 would be better so that the frost could burn off.



At 9:30 the next morning Sandy, Gordon, Tom, Jill, Roger, Dotty and Nester from chapter J showed up at the hotel ready to show us some lessor known roads.

We left Hiawassee and headed up to Hayesville on Rte. 69. The passing cold front had left the air crystal clear so the Smokies had lost the normal blanket of clouds and haze revealing their hidden beauty. Riding down the winding rural roads we were entertained with homes that were decorated with pumpkins and fall at-

tire. The small lakes and ponds were emitting steam-like clouds. Gordon, leading the group, did a great job of bringing our attention to all these sights and any wildlife that we came upon while Nestor or Roger watched our 6's.

Outside Hayesville we took Rte. 64 eastward were we had the opportunity to stretch our legs at on overlook were we could really see the leaves changing colors.



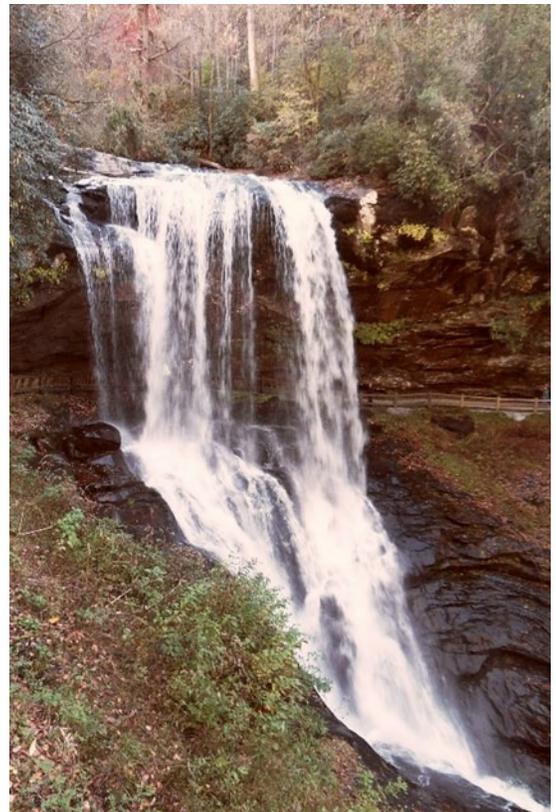
As we were sharing our thoughts, an elderly man came up and was checking out one of the trikes. He inquired as to whose it was. One of the ladies acknowledged ownership, to which his reply was "What is the world coming to, letting woman ride their own motorcycles?" As we were riding down the highway after leaving the overlook the gals offered a few descriptive comments about the old geezer.

A few miles down the road Gordon took a left turn onto Wayah Road. This was an eye opener. A lane and a half wide, beautiful scenery, twisties galore (a real chance to see where you are going and where you have been in less than ten feet). Did I mention that we could hear someone strumming on a banjo up one of the hollers? As we continued climbing through the trees we could see Nantahala Lake and then rode through Aquone. I think there was supposed to be a town there but I guess I missed it. As we approached the end of Wayah Road where it terminated into Rte. 74 (Nantahala Gorge Road) we stopped a beautiful park, where we all took a needed break. We then proceeded down Rte. 74 which followed the Nantahala River. On the river many folks were enjoying the fast running water in canoes and kayaks.



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After a while we came across the Nantahala Outdoor Center where we took the time to check out some local dining at an eatery on the river's edge. After eating lots more than what we should have, we continued along the river. We headed off to Highlands down through the thriving metropolis of Franklin. Following Rte. 64 brought us through Callajasa and then Highlands. This particular route is known for its many stunning waterfalls. We made a stop at Dry Falls where some of us took the footpath down to the base of the falls and were able to walk under the thundering water as it fell on the rocks just below us. We also stopped briefly at Glenn Falls where there is a narrow road that permits you to ride under the falls. We didn't have any takers for this opportunity.

As mountains were casting dark shadows across the roadways our tour guide lead us back towards the west and Clayton, Georgia. Heading west on Rte. 76 on our way back to Hiwassee we took a subtle detour onto Germany Road, Devil's Branch Road and Persimmon Road, which greeted us with 12 more miles of twisties and beautiful foliage.

It turned out to be a great day. Tomorrow we were on our own, but our fellow wingers offered us yet another adventure on the following day. The answer to their offer was a no-brainer-YES,



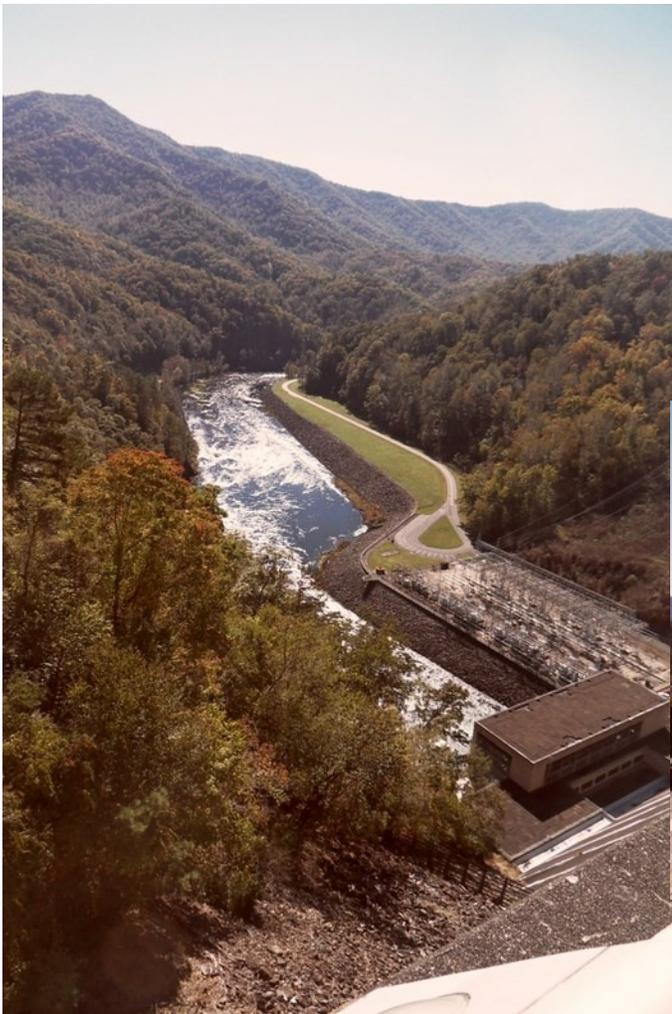
Whereas there was some talk about tired arms and butts that had not yet turned to leather, we opted for a later start and maybe a shorter ride. The early morning fog had to burn off – right?

Well, somewhere about 9:30 we mounted our iron horses and headed for Hayesville, then northward on Rte. 64 to Murphy. At Topton we exited onto Rte. 129 headed to Robbinsville where we took a short break. After emptying and then refilling we were off to Tapoco. Rounding a tight corner we exited the road onto an area to take some photos of one of the large dams that are located in that area. The area that was chosen to pull off was let's say an excellent place to check your riding skills when riding on marbles. No pictures were taken and somehow all of the two wheelers managed to stay upright. It's great when the rubber is still on the ground!

Next stop “the infamous Gap”- Deal's Gap or Tail of the Dragon. We pulled into the parking area where the “just did it or going to do it cyclists” were congregating. All of us but Chuck and Donna removed our gear. “Been here done that” was most of our reasoning for heading to the trinket shop and restaurant. Chuck took Donna for a ride. They really weren't gone too long because by the time we made it through the trinket shop and into the restaurant they were back. The only comments made were “Boy that was fun!” and “What was that scraping noise?”



After eating we paused to take a few photos and a quick look at the tree of shame where lots of pieces of OOPS parts hung.



Refreshed and with full bellies we departed the motorcycle resort and headed down Rte. 28 to Fontana Dam. This dam is part of the TVA network and provides hydroelectric power. During this time of the year all the water levels are lowered in preparation for the spring runoff which will refill them the following year.



The shadows were getting longer, so we headed down the road to Almond and then back to Rte. 74 and Hiawassee.

The following morning, as promised, Gordon and some other members of Chapter J pulled into the hotel's parking lot and were eager to take us on another ride that they had concocted for us.



We headed back to Hayesville and rode west on Rte. 64 to Murphy, where we followed Rte. 74 to Hothouse and then on to Ducktown for a brief stop for fuel and a much needed bladder break. Continuing westbound we passed the Ocoee White Water Center where the Ocoee River was used for the kayak competition during the 1996 Atlanta Summer Olympics. Unfortunately, it was a weekday, so the flood gates were closed letting only a trickle of water into the rapids which normally posed a challenge to the rafters, kayakers and canoers. Following the river we continued westward

and then turned onto Rte. 30 which took us to Reliance and a historic church on the banks of the Hiawassee River.

A short distance down the road we turned onto Rte. 315 (Tellico Plains Road) where we crossed the river and enjoyed a lazy stretch of highway that meandered through the Tennessee countryside. By the time we reached Tellico Plains it was lunchtime and Gordon and his chapter knew of a nice quaint place to eat – Tellico Grains Bakery.



It is a small bakery located downtown with limited seating but superb freshly baked items. They even provide their baked goods to stores as far away as Knoxville.



Topping off our tanks we headed eastbound on Rte.165 for a few miles and then exited onto River Road, a narrow almost two lane road which has lots of twisties and shoulders that drop-off directly into the stream below. As you cross a narrow concrete bridge there to the right are Bald River Falls.

It was time for a few more photos and socializing with other visitors observing this very pretty sight.

Unfortunately the roadway beyond the falls becomes gravel so we prudently returned to Rte. 165. At Beech Gap it becomes Rte.143. It is there where it is commonly known the Cherohala Skyway. This stretch of highway travels for 25 miles through the Tennessee portion of the Smoky Mountains and an additional 19 miles into North Carolina. The roadway changes in elevation from about 900 feet above sea level around Tellico Plains to 5390 feet at the Santeetlah Overlook which provided us with spectacular leaf color changes. The bright cloudless sky created a myriad of bright colors which popped out at us. Above 4000 feet the trees had shed their leaves. At the 2500 to 3000 foot level the leaves were of almost any color you could imagine. Below the 2500 foot level there were pockets of beautiful colors and yet some areas where the leaves were just starting to change.

As we rode along the highway there were a few areas where we noticed on each side of the roadway to be tall wooden power poles with unusual cross arms mounted at the top. Gordon, our tour guide, must have been reading our minds because shortly after passing the first pair he came on the CB and explained their purpose. Apparently the forestry service had noticed a high mortality rate of flying squirrels in these areas. Their solution was to erect these structures so that the squirrels could glide over the roadway, safely clearing the cars below. Hum, I guess the squirrels were smart enough to use them. Wonder what they cost the taxpayers?

As we came to the junction of Rte.129 and Rte.143 we took a short rest stop. The remainder of the trek home would take us through Robbinsville, then onto Rtes 19/74 at Topton. The remainder of the route back to Hiwassee was the reverse of previous routes.

Chapter J members said a farewell as we headed back to Hiawassee. Gordon remained with us all the way back to Hiawassee even though he still had about an additional hour of riding to get home to Cleveland, Georgia. Upon entering the town limits of Hiawassee all the traffic came to a screeching halt. So Gordon and the rest of us took the by-pass to possibly get around the problem. Fortunately Gordon's route home took him off the roadway we were using to return to the hotel. We said our farewells and he rode off into the sunset. As for the rest of us, we managed to hit the same bottleneck at the other end of town. The police officer said the main street through town was totally closed down for the parade kicking off the town's football season.

I suppose that was quite an important event for the town. Unfortunately, for us sitting in the parking lot of a Dollar General store for more than an hour as the sun set and the temperature dropped wasn't an uplifting experience. Welcome to rural America.



The next day we were on our own again. Today we were heading out to Helen, and then Cleveland, Georgia. We started out around 9 am with our sights on Helen. The cool morning ride was invigorating and the twisties leading into Helen were a good way of practicing our riding techniques. Fortunately we got into town before the masses of people came in to celebrate Oktoberfest. Parking was a breeze and the streets

were mostly empty.

Chuck and Donna headed out to visit a friend of Donna's who had worked with her for many years. They were able to connect with her at the restaurant that she owned. As the noon hour approached we joined Donna and Chuck at her friend's restaurant where we enjoyed terrific German food and pleasant conversation.



The town was starting to come alive as we headed towards Cleveland, Georgia and the Cabbage Patch Doll Hospital.

The facility was on the outskirts of town and resembled a large plantation home. The layout was quite impressive. Of course the girls toured the establishment and we found time for a few photos. The afternoon sun was starting to dip beneath the high peaks as we rode back through Helen, returning once again to Hiawassee.

Today would be our last day to enjoy the mountains of northern Georgia and North Carolina. Unfortunately mother nature didn't want to cooperate because we were starting to see the remnants of tropical storm Patricia coming our way. With raingear tucked in our saddle bags we set out to Brasstown Bald, Georgia's highest peak at 4784 feet. We took Rte. 17 towards Helen then turned on Owl Creek Road. Even though the skies were black with clouds, the color of the turning leaves were as beautiful as anything the we had encountered during the preceeding days. The colorful leaves were but an arm's reach from us.

Owl Creek terminated into Rte. 180, which we followed a short distance where we turned onto the 180 spur that continued up a steep grade to Brasstown Bald National Park. (Good time to use your national parks senior pass – then it only costs two dollars to take the bus to the top).

We took the a few moments for a few photo ops at the parking lot level and then boarded the bus that took us to the top and literally into the clouds.





The wind and the passing clouds gave a ghost like appearance to our surroundings. Occasionally there would be a small break in the clouds revealing the roadways, lakes and farms below. Upon leaving Brasstown Bald we descended out of the clouds back onto Rte. 180 and headed to Blairsville on Rte 129.

It was getting close to lunchtime when we rode into the town square. There were a few restaurants that dotted this area, one of which caught our eye. Today we would dine in at Blairsville's historic diner "Hole in the Wall". Don't know how historic it is but the food was good and the prices were reasonable. After finishing our meal we headed out of town on Rte. 19 to Ivylog where we browsed through the Biker Barn, a motorcycle store.

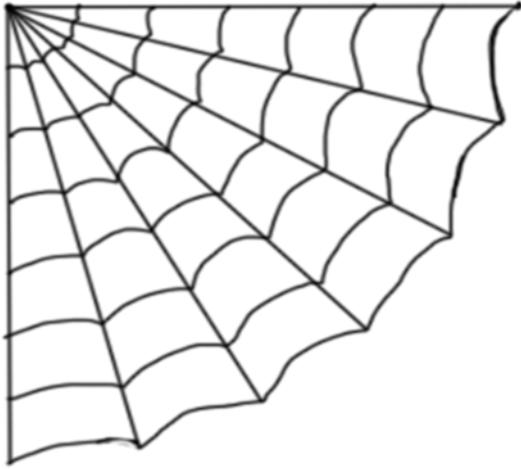
With the clouds becoming more threatening, we decided it was time to head back to Hiawassee and prepare for our ride tomorrow which would take us to Lake Point Lodge and the Region A annual Convention/Rally in Eufaula, Alabama.



It had been a great week. We had seen many unique, beautiful sights. The riding conditions were almost ideal. Most of all, we gained lots of great memories because our new friends from Chapter GA-J were willing to share their hidden treasures with us.



To us they exhibited the true spirit of GWRRA's motto "Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge". This week was what owning and riding a motorcycle is all about.



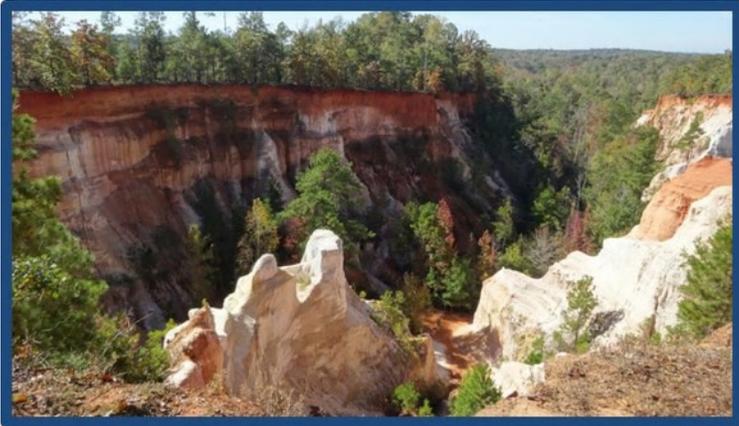
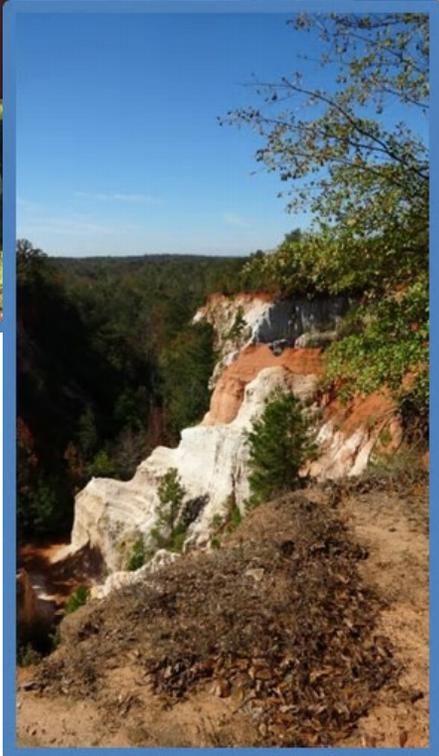
Chapter M had FUN at Region A
in Eufala, Alabama!
October 2015

HAPPY
HALLOWEEN!!



**FL1-M got a lot of laughs with the Halloween Costume Contest.
(Note Ron Jackson hamming it up in the Red M costume at right below.)**





**We rode to near-
by Providence
Canyon State
Park to enjoy its
spectacular
views!**

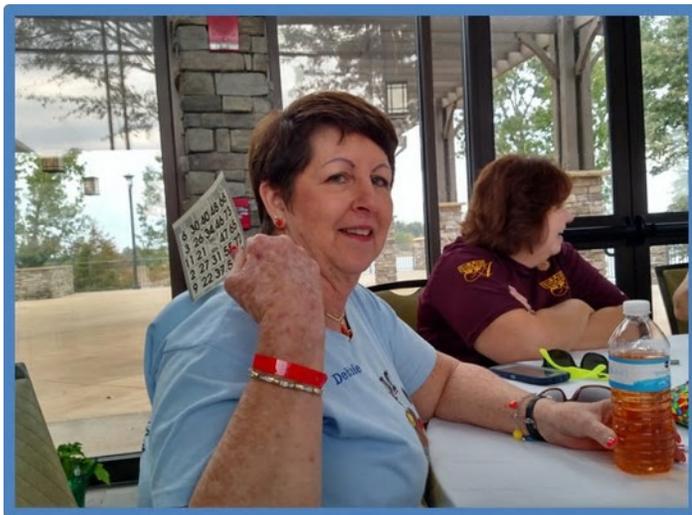


Chapter M at FUN & GAMES!





Debbie Magness won a Dairy Queen Gift Certificate and a huge canister of candy corn for guessing within 10 how many pieces were in the jar! And she won at Bingo too!



Sharon and Tracy Dunn each won the Longest Distance One-up Rider Award, for traveling 367 miles to the Region A Convention in Eufala.



CHRISTMAS IS IN THE AIR!!

Hi Everyone – We hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving and are now ready to “gear up” for Christmas! Because December in Chapter M means lighted bike rides – and lots of them! In preparation for our exciting holiday season, M’s merry little Elves kicked off our month of Lighted Bike Rides with a bike decorating party on November 28 at Curtis and Kim’s house. As you can see in these pictures, it was a fun day, topped off with a hamburger and hot dog cookout.





We especially want to thank Sharon Dunn for shopping for all the meat, condiments, buns and drinks; Ron Schwager for grilling the burgers and dogs; Jim and Carol Schultz for donating their bike lights and decorations; and Tracy Dunn and all the others who helped to decorate bikes.



Chapter M's Lighted Bike Rides are a lot of fun and extremely meaningful, not only for the people in the neighborhoods we visit, but also for all of those who benefit from the money we raise for our charities: Toys for Pinellas and Clothes to Kids. We have also found it very gratifying to see the smiles we bring to people's faces and hear the "Thank You's" and "Merry Christmas" wishes.

So please plan to participate. We understand that everyone can't make all the rides, and that you might not have a lot of time to decorate. Just throw on a strand of lights and come on out and join in the fun. We'd like to make a nice showing at each location, and we need your support to do it.

We'll see you out there!

**Curtis and Kim Palmore
Assistant Chapter Directors**



WINGERS CHRISTMAS BALL

A few nights before Christmas and all through Park Royale hall, the Wingers were gathered for their yearly Christmas ball.

The bikes were all parked in the lot with much care, as they hurried inside to see the food they would share.

You could tell they were Wingers by their physical size, and the fact that they came bringing candy and pies.

They all took their seats at the leaders direction, and waited with patience to consume the confect-ions.

A prayer was then said to God up above, which spoke about freedom and safety and love. It thanked him for keeping them safe as they ride, and talked about the Chapter and Family and Pride.

The prayer all finished, the food getting cold, they scrambled to see what treats they'd behold. The turkeys were fried and injected with butter, cholesterol so high your doctor would shudder.

Did that slow them down, this fearless bunch? Not for a second, they eat ice cream for lunch. They all feel a duty to preserve their image, so the food line resembled a football scrimmage.

The tree was all decorated; the food was in place, as they all sat down to feed their face.

Then after all eating an inordinate amount, they attacked each dessert, but who's keeping count.

ˆTwas chocolate and fudge and cookies and cake, all high fat and sugar let there be no mistake.

When nothing but crumbs was left on the floor, I heard them exclaim, "We should have made more".

The focus then turned to the Chapter Director, this man is so thin, could he be a defector?

He grabbed the mike with a great big grin, and to a roar of applause said, "Let the Presents begin".

A number was drawn and a gift was then taken, but there was a catch that had some wingers shakin'.

The gift that you got, that danced in your eyes, might be exchanged for the next Wingers prize.

So on it went with laughter and glee, as prizes were exchanged for all there to see.

A good time was had by all who attended; each of them wishing the night had not ended.

The presents all opened, crumbs swept from the floor, the wingers slowly making their way to the door.

With kisses and hugs each wishing the other safe flight, they mounted their cycles and rode into the night.

I heard someone exclaim as they passed me by, "I love this Chapter and I'll ride till I die".

With a twist of the throttle the cycle took flight, and in a second or two he was clean out of sight.

The evening was special it's so easy to see. These wingers are family, as wingers should be.

They all work together making Chapter "M" a success, and that's what sets it far above all the rest.

May God watch over us all this next year, and allow us to gather, to share Christmas Cheer.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to you all!

Ed & Sandi Smoak, Charter members of FL1-M29

Special Days

December

Birthdays

Sharon Dunn 13
Chris Schwager 14
Dean Hauser 24
Wavy Begin 25
Annie Zulas 26
Ron Jackson 28
Terri Miles 29
Roy Stevens 20
Charlie Nolan 31

Anniversaries

Dave & Barb Pattison 16
Charlie & Judy Nolan 20
Bob & Pam Price 23



January

Birthdays

Steven Burson 1
Michael Richards 4
Joe Traylor 5
Marcia Schulz 7
Tom Hicks 11
Cathy Sweeney 11
Joann Hauser 12
Tracy Dunn 15
Bernie Van Tuinen 15
Jim Jackson 18
Paul Begin 20
Jean Stevens 22
Vic Vecchitto 25
Annie Stretch 29
Edgard Schulz 30



Anniversaries

Tom & Ruth Hicks 1
Terry & Sue Getz 21
Frank Hardy 26

Public Relations

Don't forget that we are still collecting clothes for Clothes for Kids. This is a year round endeavor by Chapter M.

GOODY SALES

FOR PICTURES OF AVAILABLE ITEMS AND AN ORDER FORM GO TO suncoastwings.com. All orders should be given to Mary Ann Claypool on the order form on the website.

FLORIDA DISTRICT AND REGION A NEWSLETTERS

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MERRY CHRISTMAS



2016 FLORIDA GWRRA EVENTS

Jan 1	First Ride of Year “Shrimp R Us”	Welaka
Jan 9-10	Chapter Conference Int Palms Resort	Orlando
Jan 23	FL2-L Chapter Rally	Lakeland
Feb 6	FL1-G Chapter Rally	Deltona
Feb 13	FL1-H Multi Chapter Lunch	TBA
Feb 20	FL2-G Chili Cookoff	Fort Myers
Mar 17-19	Florida District Rally	Orlando
April 9	FL1-A Poker Run	Seffner
April 16	FL1-K Chapter	Flagler Beach
May 19- 21	Alabama District Rally	Eufaula, AL
April 21-23	Georgia District Rally	Dalton, GA
July 14-16	So. Carolinga District Rally	TBA
Aug 31-Sep 3	Wing Ding (corrected dates)	Billings, MT

Chapter "M" Money Disbursements, per person

\$1.00

Member can collect \$1.00 after signing in on the sign-in sheet, at each event.

ALL of the disbursements listed below will be given out by the activities coordinator or an alternate, at the event or as soon after the event as possible.

\$1.00

Attending Chapter M functions, where there is a sign-in sheet (Kick tires, M gathering, team meetings, rides, etc) and wearing M&M (non-chapter) attire or any GWRRA Rally shirt.

\$2.00

Attending Chapter M functions where there is a sign-in sheet (Kick tire, "M" gatherings, team meetings, rides, etc) and wearing a Chapter M shirt with a 10" GWRRA patch or a vest with a 10" GWRRA patch.

\$10.00

Attending a different Chapter functions/Rally and wearing Chapter M attire with a 10" GWRRA patch on a shirt and/or vest.

Participation in any Chapter challenge.

When a member volunteers at any District Convention, Region Convention or Wing Ding for working the games, volunteers as an instructor for training, helping with vendors or representing Chapter M in an event (Talent show, Coy Selection, Chapter Pride, Best Dressed, Bike shows, etc.)

Any Double point visitation and wearing Chapter M attire with a 10" GWRRA patch on a shirt and/or vest.

\$20.00

Attending any District Convention and wearing Chapter M attire with a 10" GWRRA patch on a shirt and/or vest.

Any participation in a Triathlon or race event sanctioned by the Chapter Directors.
(Chapter attire is NOT required)

3. A Chapter member submitting an article for the newsletter (except the CD and the RE)

\$30.00

Attending any Region Convention and wearing Chapter M attire with a 10" GWRRA patch on a shirt and/or vest.

\$50.00

Attending the International Wing Ding and wearing Chapter M attire with a 10" GWRRA patch on a shirt and/or vest.

The Chapter Director may give out chapter money for special awards, recognitions, etc. that he/she deems appropriate. \$\$\$ on the calendar means extra Chapter dollars.

ANY disputes over the distribution of Chapter M money's will be resolved by the Chapter Director or his/her designate on a case by case basis. REMEMBER THE #1 RULE IS TO HAVE FUN.

PLANNED CHAPTER M CRUISES

Dec 17th 2015 Carnival Paradise 4 days out of Tampa to Cozumel Mexico

Jan 10th 2016 Carnival Breeze 6 days out of Miami to Falmouth Jamaica, Grand Cayman, Cozumel Mexico

Feb 21st 2016 Carnival Sunshine 13 days out of Port Canaveral to St. Maarten, Dominica, Barbados, Trinidad/Tobago, Grenada, Martinique, St. Kitts, St. Thomas

May 19th 2016 Carnival Victory 8 days out of Port Canaveral to Bermuda (3 days in Bermuda)

Dec. 19th 2016 Carnival Paradise 5 days out of Tampa to Cozumel Mexico, Grand Cayman

Jan 22nd 2017 Carnival Vista 6 days out of Miami to Ocho Rios Jamaica, Grand Cayman

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All CHAPTER M RIDES LEAVE FROM

**All rides (including Breakfast rides) will leave from WAWA's
at the southeast corner of Roosevelt and US19**

PLEASE HAVE A FULL TANK OF GAS

If you have changes in your address, telephone home/cell phone numbers or e-mail address send them to dunbo@tampabay.rr.com or call Sharon or Tracy Dunn at 727-544-2961. We would like to keep our records up to date.





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