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## Director's Corner



We had a really great turn out for our March meeting, 49 members and 17 visitors.

Chapter N from Gaffney was nice enough to give us the "hot potato". We will be passing it on soon.

Becky and Ron Lees presented our couple of the year awards, to Jerry and Teresa Hill.

Larry Kelly made a good leprechaun and gave out plenty of gold coins.

I can't believe that April is here already, we are looking forward to some warm riding weather. Hopefully, that will make everyone feel better it has been a hard winter with many of our members being ill.

Carl has been working with the Chapter and getting up some great rides, make as many as you can you won't be sorry you rode.

Connie and LaRue has finished up the scrapbook and I hear it is fabulous. I haven't seen the finished product, but, I know it will be top of the line. I believe they also finished the Sombrero for the District Competition, Rick and I appreciate all the hard work they have put in, Chapter E will be proud of their efforts.

The Convention is just around the corner and everyone is in for a great time. We need 4 or 5 members to help with the vendor gate. Let us know if you are available for Thursday April 28th.

We are still looking for someone to be in the talent show. I know we have many talented members. Our ladies of Chapter E did us proud last year. Come on now and step up you only have a month to practice. Rick & Jodi

## SC District Team

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## Chapter Gathering

Second Saturday of the Month  
Carolina Fine Foods  
Simpsonville, SC

5:30 to Eat 6:30 to Meet

## A FEW WORDS FROM OUR OFFICERS



Hello everyone. Hope all are well or recovering from all the flu that's been going around. I know everyone is looking forward to some warmer weather for riding. Our Chapter is getting more active and we are having good turn outs for our dinners and rides. The chapter seems to be healthy and our finances are in good shape. Lets keep up our support of Chapter E and enjoy all of our activities. Ann

Our March gathering turned out to be the largest attendance we've had so far this year, with 49 members and 17 visitors. The Hot Potato probably had something to do with the large number of visitors. The little fellow must be pretty hot, as it was in the hands of four different chapters all in one day. There was plenty of green in honor of St. Patrick's Day. A couple of Lucky folks saw more green than the rest. I was not one of them. But, there's always next time. The attendance for our fellowship dinners has been pretty good over all, and the rides that Carl has led have been a success so far. Carl has always found some good places to go. There are several more of our folks who are good at making rides also. You Should make sure you check into the Info Line often. You don't want to miss a good ride. And if you have a ride in mind, just let someone know. Even if you don't want to lead a ride, I'm sure we can find someone to lead, and by letting others know, it can be put on the Info Line. There may be many others who would be interest. It's time to get registered for the District convention, if you haven't already done so. We need a large attendance in order to make it a success, and to keep the vendors coming back. And as always the more you get involved the more fun you have..!  
Till next time.....Jerry & Becky GWRRA #144450

WOW \$164.00 raised for our project. Thanks to Charles & Ann Cobbertt for the gift. Tom and Ann will be donating our April Gift.

Thanks to Charles & Jackie Dunagin, Charles Coleman, Milt & Saundra Richards and Deb & Charles Franks for hosting our Friendship Dinners. Milt & Saundra

The Information Line for Chapter E is just that - **Your Information Line**. It is there to let our members know of any and all happenings and news that pertain to Chapter E and GWRRA, that needs to be disseminated to our members. "We can't get the word out " if you don't let us know so please be sure to email or call us with information. Our address is wellssonny@gmail.com and the home number is (864) 422-1634. Frank & Polly



## RIDER EDUCATION

### **Bad To The Bone Bad Habits Are Hard To Break**

**By Steve Lita**

They say you can't teach an old dog new tricks. Well, I hope "they" are wrong, because if that old dog has bad motorcycle riding habits, it could get him in trouble. In this issue's Road Skills, we're doing things a bit differently than usual. Instead of explaining proper riding techniques, we'll give you some ideas about what not to do on your bike.

Our taboo list comes courtesy of several sources. We polled MSF-trained riding instructors for some of their biggest pet peeves, and also talked with authors of books on riding skills. In addition, we, the humble staff at Road Bike, are offering some of our own advice.

When we spoke with the experts, there were some common themes in their responses. Not wearing gear, or not wearing appropriate gear, topped most of the lists. This was closely followed by "Why would a rider wear gear and not require his passenger to do the same?" There was also mention of gear quality, novelty helmets getting the brunt of their disdain. Finally, riders who don't have proper licensing aren't really riders, now are they? Their primary function in life seems to be to provide authorities with reason to distrust all riding enthusiasts.

All that being said, the following are suggestions for what not to do on the road. We've even given you a way to check yourself, with points given for every infraction. Tally your score at the end of the list, and you'll know whether it's time to change some bad habits into good ones.

#### **Habits to break**

##### **1. Going too fast into a corner, forcing yourself to brake deep into a turn. Point for entering a turn to fast: 10**

The four basic steps for making a turn are Slow, Look, Press, and Roll. First, slow to an appropriate entry speed, which will vary from bike to bike and corner to corner. You must reach the appropriate speed while the bike is still straight up and moving in a straight line. Second, look through the corner, as far ahead as possible. You're looking for information:

What is the radius? What's the road camber? What happens beyond the corner? Third, press on the inside handlebar to counter steer in the direction you want to go. Fourth, roll on the throttle, or at least maintain a steady throttle, and complete the turn.

##### **2. Putting your feet out before coming to a complete stop. Points for putting feet down early: 5**

This is often called the landing-gear-down approach. Instead you should keep your feet on the pegs while you're still moving. When it's time to stop, put your left foot on the ground first so that your right foot can maintain pressure on the rear brake. Take our word for it, in an interaction between man and machine the machine usually wins by brute force. If you never thought bikers could run themselves over with their own motorcycle think again.

##### **3. Not squaring the handlebars to the chassis when you come to a stop. Points for crooked bars at stops: 5**

Ever see riders who wobble at the last moment or flop to one side when coming to a stop? It's most likely because they didn't have the handlebars straight when they stopped. The best way to prevent this is to look straight ahead when you come to a stop.

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# RIDER EDUCATION



## 4. Having low eyes. Points for having low eyes: 10

You might hear race car drivers using this term, and it's just as detrimental to the as it is to motorcyclists. "Low eyes" means you're not looking far enough ahead. In addition to the suggested intervals of 2 seconds for scanning ahead a rider should always be looking at everything, constantly scanning the situation around you, and don't fixate on anything for more than a split second. This includes when the bike is in motion, coming to a stop, or even sitting still.

## 5. Not using the front brake enough if at all. Points for not using the front brake enough: 10

Some self schooled riders believe that applying too much front brake will send a rider flying over the bars. But an educated rider knows that the front brake on most bikes actually provides the majority of the stopping power. Of course, proper braking technique includes the use of both the front and rear brakes. It's a proven fact that using both brakes will stop a bike in less the half the distance than when you're using the rear brake alone.

## 6. Using the "two-finger" method of front braking. Points for using two finger braking on the street: 5

Sometimes known as the "dirt bike method," this should be left to dirt riding and competition. When you're riding on the street, the proper braking technique is to roll off the throttle and progressively squeeze the front brake lever with all four fingers. Excuses like "I ride in the city and I need to be prepared at all times" just don't cut it. Motorcycle manufactures went to a lot of trouble to make brake levers that you can fit all four finger on.

## 7. Using poor lane position when you're on a group ride.

Most people give little thought to their position in a group until they find themselves in another rider's blind spot. The unsuspecting rider in front of you then makes a simple turn, innocently and disastrously cutting across your front wheel. Group riding should be a coordinated effort, not something done off the cuff. And it's each rider's responsibility to maintain a proper position in the group. A staggered riding formation gives all the riders in the group maximum visibility and maneuvering room.

### Fine yourself 10 points for each of the following infractions:

- Being in another rider's blind spot
- Passing other riders in the same lane without warning
- Passing the group leader and then having to find your way back after you took a wrong turn

### Your score:

0-10: You've been taught well, grasshopper. 15-30: It may be time to review some of your skills. 35-50: You're probably a self-taught rider who would benefit enormously from attending an MSF course, or a GWRRA riding course. 55 or more: Time to drop some bad habits, you old dog.

These riding tips and helpful hints are provided to us through the staff of Road Bike and the State of Georgia.

As always ride safe, have fun.

*Jerry and Teresa Hill, Assistant District Rider Educators*





# Calendar of events



## APRIL 2011

APRIL 2ND PLAQUE CAPTURE GREENWOOD  
EAT @ 12 / MEET @ 1

APRIL 9TH CHAPTER E MEETING EAT @ 5:30 /  
MEET @ 6:30

APRIL 20TH MOTORCYCLE MAINTENANCE DAY  
KEITH AND KIM STIDHAM HOUSE @ 11:00 AM  
1317 CHINGQUAPIN RD. TRAVELERS REST

APRIL 28TH, 29TH AND 30TH SC DISTRICT  
CONVENTION

***\*THERE IS NOTHING BETTER  
THAN A FRIEND EXCEPT A  
FRIEND WITH CHOCOLATE...***

## *FROM THE KITCHEN OF:*

***SAUNDRA RICHARDS  
TACO SOUP***

*1 POUND LEAN GROUND BEEF*

*1 LARGE ONION, CHOPPED*

*3 (16 OUNCE) CANS MEXICAN-STYLE CHILI BEANS, UN-  
DRAINED*

*1 (16 OUNCE) CAN WHOLE KERNEL CORN UN-DRAINED*

*1 (1 1/4 OUNCE) PACKAGE TACO SEASONING MIX*

*1 (1 OUNCE) ENVELOPE RANCH STYLE SALAD DRESS-  
ING MIX*

*BROWN GROUND BEEF AND ONION IN A LARGE DUTCH  
OVEN OVER MEDIUM-HIGH HEAT, STIRRING UNTIL BEEF  
CRUMBLES, DRAIN, STIR IN BEANS AND NEXT 7 INGREDI-  
ENTS.*

*BRING TO A BOIL AND SERVE WITH DESIRED TOPPINGS*

## TOPPINGS

## Chapter E Information Line

Updated Every Sunday & Thursday night (864) 242-1923

Friendship Dinner Hosts for December

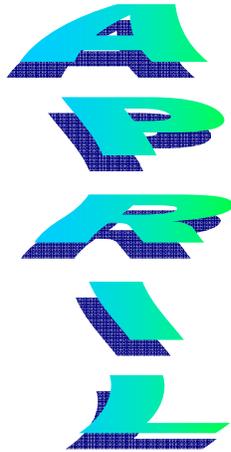
Check Information Line on  
Sunday for host and location  
of Friendship Dinners



Jerry Landreth 4th

Jan Brown 20th

Willis Smith 29th



NONE



# MARCH GATHERING

Project Gift Donation.....Charles and Ann Cobbertt

Project Gift Winner.....Ruth Stevens

Monkey Shine (Coleman) Award.....Joyce Spooner (second month in a row)

Helping Hand Award.....Brian Messer

Recruiter Award.....NOT GIVEN

Chapter Pride.....NOT GIVEN

50/25/25.....BECKY LEES/?

High Mileage Award .....Jan Brown

