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Director's Corner

Chapter E has 'Plaque Attack', Second time this year



29 members road all the way to Chapter F in Easley (18 miles), May 23 to capture the traveling plaque. Possibly the shortest distance yet. If anyone knows otherwise please let me know. Who knows, we may be in the record book for this. We plan to give it away at NOON, Saturday June 13 at Carolina Fine Foods, Simpsonville. That's the same week end as the

Georgia Wing Fling in Hiawassee. Some of our members are committed to GA that week end as some of us have been asked by them to present our skit from "O BROTHER, where art thou?". We had fun doing it at the beach and I'm sure we'll have fun there. Like I said before, it's adults making complete fools of themselves. We have also be invited to perform at the region in Dothan, AL. We will have to see how it goes.

More news worth talking about. Jodi Hughes has stepped forward to be our Assistant Director. Husband Rick has offered her his full support, which goes without saying is a win win for chapter E. Thanks much. Jodi is wearing two hats for GWRR. Not only as AD of SC-E but also Medic First aid Coordinator for Region A. Way to go Jodi!! We need more like you.

Our Memorial Weekend campout didn't go as well as expected with family sickness, Charles Franks and Larry & Cathy Holdens daughter Dana and grandson Alex, kept two families at home. We did have 10 enjoy Chattanooga, TN. Tommy & Debbi McLees, Bobby & Gerry Maddox, Ken & Vanna Taylor, Milt Richards & Sondra and your truly and what's her name. Even if we did get lost (or as Charles Dunagin says don't get lost on a wing only misplaced) going and coming.

Tom & Ann

Chapter Gathering

Second Saturday of the Month
Carolina Fine Foods
Simpsonville, SC
Noon to Eat 1:00 to Meet

SC District Staff

Directors

Charles & Kathy Coleman

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*Our new Assistant Directors
Jodi & Rick Hughes.*

Membership Corner

Well, the SC Rally was a blast. Good attendance and fun was had by all who attended. If you were unable to be there please make plans for the 2010 Rally. The place has not been announced but I am sure the SC District Director and his staff a great place it will be. Everyone knows Charles and Kathy and the SC staff will plan a great time for all. The talent show was a real bang and Chapter E folks enjoyed making the guest smile and laugh out loud a few times. Thanks Chapter E for some great entertainment. The skit was shown after the May meeting and I do hope you saw it. If not let Tom know, and he can put you in touch with someone who has it.

Chapter E had a good gathering on Saturday May 9. There were 58 Chapter E folks with Chapter F Director George and Judy Collins. We had some grandchildren present. The kids are always welcome. Welcome to Sandra Swyquist, Milt's friend and Michael Brown came by to visit Angie and Brown. There were 5 folks to commit to Chapter E. Don Eubanks, Dave and Nyla Blair and Michael and Anita Bryant said yes to Chapter E. Let's make all these folks feel good about being on broad with us. Now, you folks come on back and join the fun.

A note to Chapter E folks about Chapter E. Remember you must come to at least 1 gathering every 3 months and a new member attend 2 months in a row to stay on the e-mail list and on the attendance list. We don't want to lose any but you need to come and support the Chapter. Try and

visit some of the fun thing we do. You are the chapter so you should get the most from it.

The Tuesday night dinners are a good way to get to know people.

The rides are great and if it stops raining so much just maybe we can do some rides. Call info line or check e-mails on Thursday and Sundays to find out what is happening.

See you on June 13 at Carolina Fine Foods in Simpsonville for the monthly gathering. We eat at 5:30PM and meet at 6:30PM.

Ride and see you,



*Remember to have your current
GWRRA card in your possession,
and chapter shirt or vest on, in-
case your number is called for
Chapter Pride.*



RIDER EDUCATION



Here are seven guidelines when riding in the rain

- 1) You are most likely to dump your bike on the road when braking. Many bikers lose their fear of riding close to the vehicles as they get more experienced. During a rainstorm the driver brakes a bit harder than usual - you could snap the front brake and down you go!
Check yourself. If you ride a certain road at 60mph in the dry. Reduce your speed by 20%. You do not have enough traction to brake hard.
Ride behind one of the vehicles brake lights (not in the middle behind his number plate). If the car should stop suddenly you can slip your bike past him and therefore earn a few more seconds to stop your motorcycle.
Brake with your rear brake first and then progressively pile on the pressure on the front brake. If the rear wheel should lock up, LOOK UP, LOOK AHEAD, GO STRAIGHT. Yes, the bike will fish-tail around but it should remain controllable and upright.
- 2) Keep your bike more upright when cornering. This is not the time to try anything fancy or any sudden moves.
- 3) Keeping your tires on good surface. Avoid puddles and places where the tar has risen to the surface and covered the embedded pebbles forming a shiny-smooth surface. Never ride on the painted surface of a road (even in the dry - make this a riding habit!) . Avoid manhole covers and large steel plates near roadwork. Go very slowly when turning through intersections as there is more oil here due to slow moving traffic than anywhere else. Lean forward and keep lots of weight over that front wheel.
- 4) Only stress your tire traction moderately and then only in one direction at a time e.g.
 - Brake in a straight line and then turn,
 - Complete the sweeping bend and then pile on the power.
 - Release the clutch fully and then lean the motorbike over into the turn.
 - Apply the rear brake first (and more than usual) and then brake progressively on the front.
- 5) If you are going to ride in the wet for an hour or more, decrease your tire pressure by 25%. A wet road is a slippery surface - fact! But! A tire grips the road surface because the rubber 'flows' into the dimples of the road surface. A slightly deflated tire warms up more, is more flexible and is therefore able to fill these dimples more easily.
- 6) Do not ride through puddles where nails and other sharp objects can accumulate. A wet nail penetrates a tire more easily than a dry one!!
- 7) Know your limitations. When the rain, hail, lightning etc becomes a danger, pull off and wait for it to pass.

Here are several tips that may help when you are out and get caught in rain shower.

So if you do get caught in a rain shower, remember to always slow down and if you can pull off until the rain subsides, then proceed on to your destination.

Ride Safe:

Jerry & Teresa Hill,
Chapter Educator

These tips are obtained from the Motorcycle Safety Foundation

Calendar of Events

June

- 1-6 Americade
- 11-13 Georgia District Rally, Hiawassee, GA
- 13 Chapter "E" Monthly Gathering

July

- 2-5 Wing Ding, Tulsa, OK
- 11 Chapter "E" Monthly Gathering

August

- 8 Chapter "E" Monthly Gathering
- 30 Ride for Kids, Asheville, NC

September

- 10-12 Region "A" Rally, Dothan, AL
- 12 Chapter "E" Monthly Gathering
- 24-26 Wings Over the Smokies, Fletcher, NC

October

- 10 Chapter "E" Monthly Gathering
- 15-17 Mississippi District Rally, Tupelo

November

- 14 Chapter "E" Monthly Gathering

December

- 12 Chapter "E" Christmas Party at Simpsonville City Park Community Building, 100 Park Drive, Simpsonville



Chapter E's Rally Mask

Chapter E Information Line

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

Friendship Dinner Hosts for June

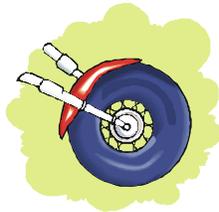
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- 13 Cathy Holden
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- 20 Beth Sports
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- 26 Carl Hallman
- 26 Mark Mixon

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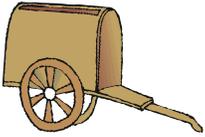
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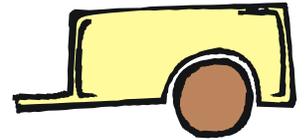
- Project Gift Donation**.....Charles & Jackie Dunagin
- Project Gift Winner**.....Randall & Debroah Niles
- Monkey Shine (Coleman) Award**.....Jodi Hughes
- Helping Hand Award**.....Charles & Deb Franks
- Recruiter Award**.....Kenneth Rader
- Chapter Pride**.....Deb Franks
- 50/25/25**.....Keith Stidhan / Lori Post
- High Mileage**.....Gary & Patty Robinson

GOT DIESEL?

TECHNICAL ADVISOR



Trailers



Well I had to think about what to write about this month, I decided trailers would be a good subject.

Some of us have trailers that we can tow our bikes on and others trailers we tow behind our bikes. I've found that trailers can be the most over looked when it comes to maintenance. I've seen the results of this neglect and it isn't pretty. The first thing that we need to make sure is working is the lights. I hate getting behind a trailer that the lights don't work. You have no idea what the vehicle is doing, is he turning or stopping? At night is even worse, there have been occasions that I couldn't even see the trailer. So check your lights, if they're no working, fix them or replace them.

Next would be wheel bearings. Have you ever seen the results of wheel bearings that weren't kept properly lubricated? A failure can lead to hub or axle replacement. I would recom-

mend once a year repack the wheel bearings, especially on a trailer with small wheels. At highway speeds those bearings are really spinning! Use a good quality wheel bearing grease and each time you stop, feel the hubs and make sure the bearings are not overheating. If the hub is hot you have a problem, get it taken care of before it strands you somewhere.

With a trailer, a little preventative maintenance goes a long way, lack of it can be dangerous and expensive.

Bill



Bad weather caught some of us at Sticky Fingers, Sunday May 10th in Support of Shriners' Hospital in Greenville



Tech day really worked this year. Thanks to Bill Leverette for the use of his shop.



REGIONAL RALLY, DOTHAN, AL. SEPT 11, 12 & 13

RALLY FUN

As the MEC, I would like for long time and new members to check out the flyers for the Region A Rally in Dothan, AL. on September 11, 12 and 13, 2009. We went last year and had a great time. If you have never been to a rally this would be a good start. There is still plenty of time to get registered and find a hotel room. A group will make it a fun week-end event. Leaving early on Thursday September 10 and arrive there in the afternoon. It will be a day ride down and we will return on Sunday. They have a lot of fun things to do. There are always needed seminars and dinner on Thursday evening with music under the tent. Get your best Hoedown Duds and enter the contest. This will be something to see. Chapter E plans to enter the talent show on Friday night. I think you will enjoy the Rally if you come and join in. We will have flyers at the June gathering get one and try and go with Chapter E.

I promise you, we ride our ride and look out for those who attend with us. Group rides can be done safely and have a lot of fun doing it.

Robert and I have done many of these through the years. We are here to have fun and enjoy life to its fullest.

Think about this.

Joyce Spooner



The first graves in Arlington Cemetery were dug by James Parks, a former Arlington Estate slave. Buried in Section 15, Parks is the only person buried in Arlington National Cemetery who was born on the property.

Light as a feather, there is nothing in it,
Yet the strongest man can't hold it for much more than a
minute?

Diesel... It's
not just for
trucks any-
more

