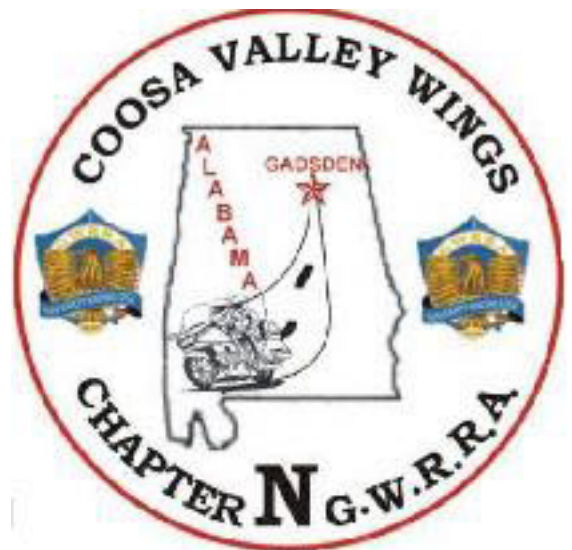




**Gadsden Alabama, home of Chapter N
GWRRA Chartered in 1986 and still
Enjoying the ride.
Come ride with us**



January 2012



What you may or may not find in this publication (Read between the lines, that where The good stuff is). If you got something to say, send it to me. Need all the help I can Get. Criticism of this newsletter will get you the job of editor. LOL

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Come ride with us

Notes From the Chapter Directors

“Gerald Sez”



We hope everyone had a great Christmas and look forward to another Happy New Year

December is the season to be broke. I stole that line from my grandson but you know what I mean. Hope you got everything on your wish list. Some quality time with family is high on my list.

The chapter got off to a great start on the 3rd with a fun filled Christmas party. The food was wonderful, as usual the Ladies of the chapter out did themselves. We are blessed with a host of blue ribbon winners in the food prep department. Thank you Ladies for a great party. Dirty Santa was a hoot and the grand prize was a pair of Superman drawers that all the men wanted but Robert Owens wouldn't give them up. A surprise visit from Santa gave life to the party. Lou Anne took home the money bag. Deb and I are still eating leftovers. Lol

Monday after the Christmas party we gathered for the Gadsden Christmas parade. It did rain on our parade but we enjoyed the outing. We had six bikes decorated to the hilt with lights, Christmas trees, garnishes and wreathes. There was more than 100 units in the parade. The trip to Top of the River after the parade quelled our appetite and helped to forget the light rain.

Chapter N grew during 2011 by at least six couples. That is a large percent considering the size of our chapter. Thanks for being the kind of chapter that makes folks feel at home. Lets try to double that in 2012. We look forward to a great riding season in the coming year.

The New Year is just around the corner and we will have a New Years Day ride, details will be announced asap.

We could use some help with the newsletter. If you have the time please let me know and I will assist in any way I can.

“Debs view” it was like this

Party , Party, Party, The season started with a fun filled Christmas event for Chapter N . Ham, turkey, and all the fixings . Dirty Santa and then the Real Santa showed up and the havoc started. The blur that some of us witnessed was really a 3 year old that could do a 4 minute mile. The shaking of Santa's Hands was an effort to do the magic trick of disappearing in a wink of an eye. He did. Anticipation mounted as the selection process of Couple of the Year was mention who would be the next couple ? We all awaited with held breathes. The night was still young as we continued to plan for more parties and parades . There is a few in our group who have the professional parade wave and would like to become professional parade coordinators.

WOW! Lights, Camera, Action. Putting on the Ritz for the Gadsden parade. A light rain showed up that we did not have in our plans. This did not hamper our parade wave to all the determined children that lined the sidewalks in downtown. After all the strobe lights, wreaths, and garland with new found friends a trip to Top of the River was enjoyed by one and all. Christmas music, singing, and cantata's, the season was in full swing.

Chapter N continued with breakfast on Wednesday mornings. Some days we could ride and some days we could not. We lifted the spirits of the employee's at Jack's because we were always in our festive garb. We wore necklaces that would light up twinkle and blink. Everyone was completing their task of Christmas shopping. Some with early shopping, some with on line shopping, and of course some with last minute shopping.

As we continued through the month of December reflections of what a great month and year we have had with our family and our extended family.

Chapter N continues to plan to reign in the New Year with a New Year's Day ride. This means of course eat, ride, and Party, Party, Party. What a way to end a season. What a way to begin a season. See you at the next event.

Notes from our ACD

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**Notice, there is nothing here, that means we need
Someone to cover this part of the team. Don't be
Bashful, and **don't** make me come after you!**

Notes from the Chapter Educators

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We are very proud to be your Chapter Educators for 2012, thank you for entrusting us with this job. We hope that everyone had a happy holiday season and are looking forward to the next riding season. We have our ride calendar planned out and hope to get to ride with as many of our Chapter members as possible.

Riding our Goldwing continues to be one the best experiences that we have ever had. The wind in your face, the sense of adventure, the togetherness of fellow riders or the bond between you and your co-rider is hard to beat. But as riders, there is also an awesome responsibility to be sure your bike is in great operating condition and that you are operating it as safely as possible. This is not just for you and your co-rider's benefit, but also the other vehicles that you share the road with. With these thoughts in mind, we would like to continue presenting the Safety Level Program to you. We hope that you will take advantage of these opportunities and we are here to assist you in any way possible.

Safety is a Group Thing!

Rick and Laura Brothers

Level II: Safety by Education

GWRRA has chosen several educational training programs for the operators and Co-Riders such as the MSF (Motorcycle Safety Foundation) programs, the United Sidecar Association course, the CSC (Canadian Safety Council) programs, and the GWRRA's riding courses and parking lot programs.

We say "Go see the experts" for your "On Bike Training". Completing these courses provide the foundation and skills for your quest to be a safe motorcycle rider. All recognized programs are taught by qualified and nationally certified instructors.

For the Co-Rider, we have provided an excellent seminar and "Two Up" programs to assist in your role in the safety aspect of motorcycle riding.

Motorcycle education goes "Hand in Hand" with commitment, and the "On Bike" education by MSF, USCA, CSC and GWRRA for the Rider and Co-Rider and the "off bike" education specifically for the Co-Rider provides a very effective approach to Motorcycle safety. This is truly when a Rider begins to understand what his or her Level I commitment means and sees the value in the program **Level II: Safety by Education**

Level II of the REP is also referred to as **Tour Rider**. It represents the commitment of the Rider and/or Co-Rider to be safer motorcycle riders by taking approved motorcycle riding courses at regular intervals.

Completing these courses provides the foundation and skills for your quest to be a safe motorcycle rider. All recognized programs with the exception of the PLP are taught by qualified and Nationally certified instructors. PLPs use our Facilitators to administer the program.

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Requirement: Rider - a Certified Rider Course with 5,000 safe miles. Co-Rider - certified Co-rider Seminar or 2-up Rider Course

No cost to sign up. Patches available at \$5.00 per participant

Receive: "Red Triangle" patch for either Rider or Co-rider signifying Level II participant

Notes from Membership Enhancement Coordinators

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Well Happy New Year everyone. I don't know about all of you but I'm glad the holidays are over. Now if winter will be short and a early riding season would be great!!!! I hope everyone will be ready an this will be our best and most active yet for GWRRA Chapter AL-N!

See you on the road.

Birthdays & Anniversaries



Birthdays



Anniversaries

Linda Luther

District Directors Corner

January 2012

Anita and I hope that everyone had a very Merry Christmas and may everyone have a very happy and prosperous New Year. We had a wonderful 2011 and are hoping that 2012 will be just as good if not better. We have a lot of plans for 2012 and they are all fun things to do.

The first thing on the schedule is Snowball at the Doster Center in Prattville. At Snowball we will have the Couple of the Year selection, please come early and support the couples. After the Couple selection we will have games, door prizes and snacks for all. To finish off the day we will have our Officers' Conference. We will have several New Chapter Directors installed at Snowball, please stop and see them and wish them well. Before the Chapter Directors and Treasurers leave please get with Sue Chapman and make sure all of your Financial Reports are completed.

In March Florida has their Convention and it is always a good time. Chapters, try to get together with other Chapters and ride down together.

The Alabama Convention is in April at the Ashbury in Mobile. It is at Exit 3 off Interstate 65. There are lots to do and see in Mobile and we are planning to have flyers/posters on site to tell you about them. Please come and join us for the 30th Anniversary of GWRRA in Alabama. The Convention is April 19-21, 2012.

For information on AL activities and pictures of what we are doing please go to our web site, <http://www.alabama-gwrro.org/> and enjoy.

Please remember that Freedom isn't Free and remember our folks who are in Harm's Way, be they Military, Law Enforcement, EMTs or Firemen.

The next time you think about riding, call a friend, they are probably thinking the same thing. Please ride Safe and Often,

Roy and Anita

Robert & Gail ADD

We hope that everyone had a Merry Christmas and safe and enjoyable New Years Eve celebration. It doesn't seem that long ago that we were ushering in 2011 and now we are beginning 2012. Time flies when you are having fun or does it fly because we are getting older? Either way it is gone.

January begins a new year and we begin with the Snow Ball Rally in Prattville. Once again we will be at the Doster Center which has always been a good place for us. Kickoff is at 9AM. There will be refreshment, snacks and maybe a few games. Alabama will be choosing our new Couple of the Year for 2012. We are looking forward to seeing all of you there. Chapter Officers don't forget that the Officers Conference will be starting right after our Snowball Gathering.

The Region A Officers Conference was held the first of December in Eufaula, Al. Each District in the region was represented and each District Director gave a short presentation on the status and goals for their district. All of them were well done and as I listened to them one thing came to mind and that was we exist as an organization because we participate. We work together and are actively involved in making this organization one of the best to belong to. It is the best when we participate.

We are members of GWRRA but we are participants in our chapters. You can participate as much or as little as you want. All I ask is that you participate. The Chapter Directors and their Team cannot do everything. The more that you participate, the more fun you will have. This is what GWRRA is about and the more we participate the more Fun we will get out of this organization. If there is a Team position that you find interesting.. Please share that information with your Chapter Director, everyone is looking for future RISING STARS.

Robert & Gail Brown

Assistant District Directors – Central

“The more you know the better it gets.”

Hello Fellow wingers;

'TIS THE SEASON! Corky and I had two of our three kid's home for Christmas and what a wonderful time we had. A good many of our wishes have come true for this year and we are working on next years.

Haven't been on our rides much this month for a lot of reasons, mostly 'cause we didn't want to get on them that much!!! We are itching to get back at it again.

AL - M is having their annual New Years Day Ride, Jan 1st, into Georgia, so Corky and I are planning to attend. Looks like the weather is going to support that day too. I know this is short and with not much content, but this is all I've got this month. We'll do better next year.

Looking forward to Jan 21st for the Snowball in Prattville. Hope to ya all there and get the New Year started.

Happy New Year to every one out there, and be safe as h---, K?
REMEMBER: "Keep the Rubber Down, It Works Best That Way"

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