

Georgia Chapter D Road-eNews



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**Chapter D Monthly Gatherings are on the second Saturday of each month.
We meet at the Golden Corral at 2025 Market Place Blvd., Cumming, GA.
We eat at 9:00 and meet at 10:00**

NOTE: MAY GATHERING IS TAKING A D-TOUR AND INSTEAD OF MEETING WE WILL BE RIDING TO WARNER ROBBINS TO SUPPORT CHAPTER Q'S DESSERT AUCTION,

MAY IS MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH



May is Motorcycle Awareness Month

As motorcyclists, it is often difficult to understand how motorists (those of the 4-wheel variety), cannot be aware of motorcycles. Regardless, evidence proves to us time after time that this is the case. "I didn't see them!" is the most common phrase that we hear over and over again. There primary theory I repeatedly hear is that, since a motorcycle is smaller than a car... and since there are so many fewer motorcycles on the road than cars, drivers just don't tend to see us.

Read more from the Ride Education Corner at [Chapter D Website](#)

Announcements

Georgia District Rally

June 22-24, 2017

Dalton, GA

Rally Site: Dalton Conv. Ctr.

\$35.00 registration fee

Grand Prize \$500

50/25/15/10 Drawing

See flyer for host hotels and
Other details.

Calling all Roadies with or without talent...

Do you have a hidden talent such as singing, playing an instrument, or a comedy routine? If so, you are wanted by Chapter D.

We are looking to enter the talent show at the Georgia District Rally. The categories are: serious junior; serious adult; serious group; comedy junior; comedy adult; comedy group.

Chapter D is renowned for their award winning talent at the District Rally. How about we get back into the swing and put together an entry worthy of a Golden Globe or Oscar nomination?

If you are interested, please let Connie, Colleen or Carlos know. There will be a planning session soon.



Chapter Q
13th Annual Dessert Auction & BBQ
May 13, 2017
Museum of Aviation
Warner Robins, GA
Registration fee \$5.00 per person includes BBQ lunch.
Auction begins at 12:30

Alabama District Rally
Sitcom Mania
May 18-20, 2017
Mobile, AL

Registration fee \$30.00 per person
See flyer for details

33rd Annual South Carolina
District Rally
Beaufort, SC
May 5-6, 2017

Old Bay Market Place
948 Port Republic Street, Beaufort, SC

Registration \$25.00 per person

Chapter R Annual Picnic
\$10 donation

Lots of door prizes and 50/50 drawing.

Date: 9/23/2017

Location: Dallas Landing, Acworth
Time: 11:00 until ?????? We will eat at about noon!!! For more information and to RSVP
Karen Powell CD 404.281.5636

Chapter A Fall Harvest Fun
Day

Saturday 09/30/17
10am-2pm

Registration Fee \$8.00 pp
(Includes lunch)
Grand Prize \$250
Gift Certificate from Gary's Hobby Shop



Charlie Stevens May 25th
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Goodies Store



Pin Keeps	\$6.00	USA Flags	\$15.00
Chapter Flags	\$15.00	Georgia County Patch	\$6.00
10" GWRRRA Black/Gold Griffin	\$12.00	10" GWRRRA Red Griffin	\$10.00
4" GWRRRA Black/Gold Griffin	\$5.00	4" Georgia Peachy Patch	\$6.50
4" Region A Patch	\$5.00	Georgia Visitation Head Pin	\$3.00
Georgia Chapter D Hanger Bar	Free	Flag Pin small	\$1.00
Flag Pin Large	\$2.00	A Team Pins	\$4.00

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GAYLORD TEXAN RESORT HOTEL & CONVENTION CENTER

Rearview Mirror

April 8th – Chapter T Spring Fling

By Wayne Sanders

If you were unable to attend the above event with GA-D then you missed a good time. We had a leisurely ride to the Blacks Creek Baptists Church location for the event. The theme for chapter T members was to dress as a hobo and most of them dressed as such. We partook of the Hobo Stew, several types of cornbread, tea, coffee, lemonade and many different homemade desserts. We played several of the games that were setup so we could distribute our tickets for the items on the prize tables. Chapter D took home a couple of items. Even though we didn't win the \$100 grand prize, we still had fun. **Chapter D we won 1st prize in the chapter challenge.** We got to visit with the numerous other chapters in attendance and when we left our tummies were full. We of course had enough room for the obligatory DQ stop on the way home so we made it to the Gainesville location and has a cone to finish off the ride. A great ride on a great sunshiny day.



This is just some of the fun missed if you did not attend. Remember, **the fun is there for the taking, so go take it!!!!**

April 30th - FCSD Motorcycle Safety Day

By Wayne Sanders

Initially, Mother Nature was unsure what surprises to give us that day. We're glad she decided to provide us with just a little spritz of rain, a little wind, but plenty of sun. Even with descent weather the attendance was low. With that said, it was steady from noon till about 3PM. Carlos & I manned the GA-D booth speaking to a few interested parties. The members of drill team performed all 3 of their exhibitions flawlessly as usual. The crowd watched them intently wondering how they managed to make all the twists, turns and maneuver between each other without knocking each other over.

The Forsyth County and Gwinnett County Sheriff's motorcycle officers managed to get through the course that was set up with only a couple of the Gwinnett County officers laying their bikes over. Daryl & Robin also attended with Daryl setting the bar high for the sheriff's departments setting his bike over 3 times on the course. Each time he received an ovation from the chapter. Way to go, Daryl.

FC Police explorers were selling raffle tickets, Castleberry Ale House was supplying lunch, Prorider was also there showing everyone how to properly ride a bike. Ron & Judy Ciccarone were manning the Chestatee Zoo booth. This is a great place to visit and take your family. They have a lot of animals and Ron is there often helping with the wolf exhibit. Ride for Kids, another great event held at the Cumming Fairgrounds, was signing up riders & volunteers for the June 4th ride. The Ride for Kids supports the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation. If you have never participated, you are encouraged to attend. Check them out on this link. [Ride for Kids-events](#)

While not everyone rode their bikes, we had fun. Come join Chapter D for fun, friends & knowledge.



Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month

By: Colleen Taylor



May is National Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month. What does that mean? For most of us, it is when GWRRA and other motorcycling organizations try to bring awareness of the two and three wheeled warriors to the general public. Notice I mentioned “try” (more about that later).

May is the month where most of our northern brethren have pulled their steel (and plastic) steeds from the winter slumber and are hitting the open road for pleasure riding. Living in the south gives most of us year round riding weather. We should be making efforts to make our presence known year round. But how can we do that? And are our efforts really effective?

Now back to the “try” of bringing awareness. We have heard it all before. Wear bright colored clothing. Wear bright colored helmets. Ensure your headlights are working properly. Use a modulating headlight (this is debatable with different riders). Use a modulating brake light or add extra rear brake lights. Loud pipes save lives. In some cases, these things may help bring immediate attention to a caged driver, alerting them of our presence on the road, but soon they will forget about the spring wave of us two and three wheeled crusaders. The general motoring public will revert back to their old habits of driving, leaving me to wonder if our efforts of educating the public are really effective. Maybe short term they are effective, but I don’t think so in the long run. That may have more to do with the nature of people going from point A to point B in the fastest way possible, and in essence, not really caring about their driving habits or how those habits affect other drivers.

Just because there are many discourteous drivers on the road, it does not mean we should not continue to educate drivers that motorcycles are everywhere. It means we just need to emphasize and educate **more** the general public. We still need to continue wearing brighter colored clothing and helmets – it brings us into the field of vision of complacent drivers. We need to use our horns more when cars are encroaching in our riding space or right of way. Maybe we need to do some presentations at civic organization meetings, schools, churches, etc. The point being is we need to continue educating, even when we think our labor is in vain. One never knows when you have reached someone and they understand and change their ways.

We all have seen this bumper sticker. It should be our mantra.



Southern Stars and Stripes Drill Team Update

Southern Stars and Stripes attended the Georgia Fallen Officers Event on April 22nd. On Friday evening there was a meet and greet with indoor vendors. At the close of the stage presentation there was a candle light vigil for those being remembered. Saturday was the day for the ride. Our Drill Team kicked off the event at 10AM with the playing of the National Anthem followed by an exhibition. Thereafter, those riding in the event lined up for the ride to Atlanta and then back to where they started for lunch and a bit more stage presentation. Channel 2 was one of the sponsors and they were filming which was televised Saturday night. It was for a great cause and made us feel good that we chose to participate.

Then on April 30, the Team performed at the Forsyth County Motorcycle Safety Day event. This event was back at the same place as was last year, across the street from the Cumming Fairgrounds. The Team performed at 12 noon, again at 1:00, and again at 2:00. The crowd was kinda smallish as the event was not very well advertised. We chose to perform in hopes it would help to spread the word about our Team's existence and help us find some new recruits for the Team

Next on our schedule is to go to Orlando, FL on May 20th where we will be performing with three other Teams. Stay tuned for that report.

SAVE THE DATE-UPCOMING EVENTS

May 6th- RIDE TO NOWHERE Join us for this ride to the Bryson City, NC.

We will meet at 5585 S. Chestatee, Dahlonega, GA (Shell at the intersection of GA-400 and GA-60). Meet at 9:15 with bike tank full and your tank empty. Kick Stands Up 9:30am I am looking forward to some wind therapy and hope you can come and join me for some twisties!

May 13th Museum of Aviation in Warner Robbins (NO CHAPTER GATHERING)

Let's support Chapter Q's Annual Desert Auction and BBQ. Carlos is planning the route. Ride details will be made available soon. Come enjoy some good food, good folks and good riding..... what a great way to spend a Saturday.

Memorial Day Weekend Ride: May 27-29, 2017- JACK DANIEL RIDE!

This is a Chapter D and Chapter S joint venture. We are in the process of setting up a tour at Jack Daniels and the price depends on a few factors: over 65 years old gets a discount, groups of 25 or more get a discount etc. Cost in the range of \$17 per person before discounts. In order to get the group rates for the hotels you will need to *make your reservations no later than May 6th!* Go to [GA Chapter D Website](#) for additional details including information for hotels and group rates. We will post these events on Facebook.

June 3rd- Friends Helping Friends Poker Run- 100% of proceeds will go to Don and Colleen Taylor. More information will be made available soon. Please make plans to come out and have some fun with us.

June 4th – Ride for Kids- Cumming Fairgrounds. Additional information will be sent out if you would like to participate please reach out to Connie at gachapterd@gmail.com

June 22-24th- Georgia District Rally- Dalton, Ga. - Looking for a crew for the talent contest. If interested please email Connie or Carlos.