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## Chapter Director's Page



Hi Everyone,

We are starting to have some great weather for riding and we hope most of you have been able to enjoy some of it. It has been a busy month for the chapter. Jerry, Sasha and I went to Mobile for the Alabama District Convention to be with our Couple of the Year, Eugene and Renee Dent. We met some friends we had not seen in awhile. It was fun watching Eugene and Renee in the costume contest. Coming home was quite a challenge because Barbara's alternator stopped working on her trike about 85 miles north of Mobile, Alabama. Jerry started switching batteries between her trike and his wing. The batteries would only last 15-20 miles before having to be changed again. We limped home taking 16 hours to get home instead of about 8 hours. Barbara is the proud owner of a new alternator.

The chapter is proud to have sponsored an Advanced Riding Course in the upstate with five bikes participating. Our members were awesome in supporting the instructors. We are certainly proud to say we choose to participate with Chapter "F". Chapter "F" will continue to offer University Classes on the second Sunday afternoon of each month. Everyone is invited to join us. We had eight members taking advantage of the classes this month. There will be no classes in May because of Mother's day but the classes will resume in June. June and July classes have already been scheduled. Mike Epperson will teach "Remembering Names" and "Time Management." Both classes will help us in our everyday lives. Buddy and Kim Summer will teach our July classes, "Team Riding" and "Level Up." Please join us for these worthwhile classes.

There are some fun rides coming up. We plan to ride the "Dragon" and "Moonshiner's Ride" and would like to go back to the Biltmore House to see the beautiful flowers coming out. Watch your emails for more details.

The first weekend in May will be a big event for the chapter, the South Carolina District Convention. Wish us luck because we are participating in several events: Banner Contest, Chapter Challenge (making a character from scratch), Mascot Contest, Chapter Shirt Contest, Scrapbook, Newsletter Contest, Talent/Entertainment Show, Trike Riding Course, Chapter of the Year and District Couple of the Year. Eugene and Renee need our support for the District Couple of the Year contest so please come and support them if possible. We are presenting a comedy for our talent/entertainment entry and it should be funny. You will be sorry if you miss it. To do all of these events requires work and cooperation and we are very proud of our chapter and what everyone does. Please come to the convention even if you can only come for one day.

**Thanks to everyone**  
**Barbara, Jerry and Sasha Taylor**  
**Chapter Directors SC "F"**

## Assistant Chapter Director's Page



Hi everyone,

Well folks another month has flown by. We have been busy even with the crazy weather.

Our team worked very hard this month to pull together an ARC course here in our area. Barb and others had been looking for some time to find a parking lot big enough to hold this event. One day Buzz found a parking lot (quite by accident) at the Liberty Elementary School. After talking to someone there, he was told he needed to go to the Recreation Department to find out if it could be used. Between Buzz, Barb and Mike Melton they were able to pull it all together. Buzz and I rode back out about a week later to confirm everything was still on schedule. Dave and Ruth invited the three instructors into their home and Roger and Linda opened their home to Barb. The classroom portion of the ARC course was held at Mutt's Barbecue. This was such an awesome team effort and unfortunately due to inclement weather the riding portion had to be cancelled and rescheduled. Good job to a great team!!

We had three skit practices this month on the 6th, 13th and 22nd. We were practicing for our SC Convention May 1-3 in Florence. Oh yes! Did I tell you we are doing a comedy!! Hope to see everyone there and having fun.

April 10th, we visited Chapter "I" in Seneca. They had a nice turnout and we had a good time. On the 11th, our dinner ride took us to Clemson to the Hibachi Grill. Attendance was down but we still enjoyed dinner and friendship. The 18th, we had a second dinner ride to Silver Bay in Easley to welcome the ARC team, Mike Melton, SC ARC instructor, Denis Turcotte, ARC instructor from Florida and Chuck Reed, Region Educator and to celebrate the return of Mickey and Connie if only for a week. It was a nice time with good food, great company and lots of talk and laughter. April 26th, we rode to Lexington for the plaque attack with eleven in attendance where we came in second to Charleston. It was a beautiful day to ride so three trikes decided to take a different route home. We rode through Saluda and down into Greenwood to return on Hwy 25 just in time to return to our monthly chapter meeting at Mutt's in Easley. We had a great group of members and visitors in attendance and fun was had by all. Join us next month and have fun with us.

Have a blessed month and ride safe,

**Buzz and Bev Laplante**  
**Assistant Chapter Directors**



## Chapter Educator's Page (Paperwork Pending)



Another month is almost gone. Hope everyone had a great Easter. Our days have been either rainy and cold or beautiful springtime weather. Maybe the rain will move to the week and sunshine will be with us on the weekends. That's for us working people anyway.

This month I would like to talk about how aware and what we are aware of while riding. I received some help from the ARC course that Chapter "F" helped put on this month. This is an excellent course that would benefit any rider or co-rider by the way. Part of their presentation covered awareness and I will use some of their material to help out.

Where is your mind when you ride? My ex-wife would tell you that my head is up another part of my anatomy. Hopefully, when you ride that is not where your head stays. I won't ask your significant other their opinion, they can share it with you on their own. Riding is fun because we get to experience travel not confined inside a vehicle. We can feel the temperature changes, we can smell whatever is nearby good or bad, we have a panoramic view of where we are at. It is easy to get relaxed and totally lost in the enjoyment of our ride. Unfortunately, we are not the only ones on the road. There are happy, sad, mad, aggressive, meek, stupid, and more operating vehicles all around us. They are not watching out for us so we have to watch out for them. Sight is the primary sense that we use while riding. We react to what we see. If you are not paying attention, you may not see what is actually there. The eye takes a visual image and changes it to an electrical signal, this signal goes to the brain where it is decoded and you are told what is there. This works great most of the time, but your brain can be fooled. Think of all of the optical illusions that you have seen, these are things that are presented out of context to what your brain is used to seeing. For example, roll up a piece of paper into a tube. Close your left eye and keep it shut for now. Hold the tube in your right hand up to your right eye and look through it at something on the other side of the room. While looking through the tube bring your left hand up to the tube with your palm facing flat toward yourself. Open

your left eye. Do you have a hole in your hand? Your brain might be telling you that you do. This is just an example of your brain being tricked by the signal being sent to it. Quickly looking at something can give the same effect sometimes. You don't see what is actually there. Take the time to look and see what is there. I find as I get older if I don't pay attention closely enough while reading, I will see the wrong words. I will have to look back and see what is actually there.

Now we know that we need to look for a long enough time to make sure we see what is actually there. Along with that we need to know where to look. We have to watch near in front, far in front, to the sides, and behind us all at the same time. How do we do that? Pilots are trained to scan both inside and outside the aircraft, looking for other airplanes and also checking the instruments to make sure everything is running right and they are going the right direction. It works well for them and we can use it too. Develop a scan pattern for yourself.

Look at what is happening close in front of you, look further down the road, look to the left and then to the right, and check your mirrors. You don't have to go in the same order every time. Your head doesn't have to snap to each direction as you change what you are looking at. Keep your eyes moving from place to place making sure to look long enough to see what is actually there. If something catches your attention, cars swerving in the lane ahead of you, traffic light changing, traffic approaching from a side road or driveway, someone gaining too fast behind you, animals or children near the road, or whatever you are likely or unlikely to see, you will have that extra split second you need to successfully avoid getting hurt.

If you have a co-rider with you, that is an extra set of eyes that can be watching for hazards. They can see in the blind spots that you can not see while operating the motorcycle. If they tell you over the intercom or just slap your helmet, you will know something is going on and you need to respond.

Remember, your eyes can fool you. Take the time to see what you are looking at. Develop a scan pattern that works for you. Be aware of what is up close, far away, in front of you, beside you, and behind you. Put your co-rider to work, don't let them sleep the whole trip. They can see things you can not. The more aware you are, the safer the ride will be.

Good Riding and see you next month.

Be safe don't be sorry.

**Brian and Mandy Gillespie**  
**Chapter Educators**

## Membership Enhancement Coordinator's Page



Hi, Everyone,

April has given us better weather for bike riding, so let's get out there and enjoy the warm days by riding our bikes. Chapter "F" has been busy again this month with getting ready for our District State Convention coming up the 1st of May in Florence, SC. Our Chapter is competing for the District Couple of the Year, the Chapter Scrap Book, the Chapter Shirt, and the Chapter Mascot. In addition, we are participating in the Costume Contest with the theme being Cartoon-Land this year. It will be fun to see how many cartoon characters will take us back to our childhood. Also, our Chapter is doing a comedy skit at the Convention that will entertain everyone who sees it. We have practiced three times this month and will practice once more at the Convention before the actual show. Try to make at least one day of the convention, if you can't do all three days.

An Advanced Rider Course was held on April 19th at Liberty Elementary School in Liberty, SC with 7 participants. We had Mike Melton, Chuck Reed, and Denis Turcotte as our instructors for the classroom portion of the course. Unfortunately, Mother Nature did not cooperate when we went to the parking lot for the rider portion of the course. The windy rainy weather prevented us from completing the course. So this part of the course will be finished on Sunday, May 4th after the Convention using an available parking lot at the Convention.

On April 26th, the Plaque Attack was held at Lexington, SC with Chapter "P" hosting. Eleven members of Chapter "F" attended, but the plaque went to Chapter "G" from Charleston. They brought 27 members to win the plaque. So next month, the Plaque Attack will be in Charleston, SC.

For the month of April, Chapter "F" had one new perspective member. His name is Ted Hunt and he lives in Piedmont, SC. After speaking with him on the phone and inviting him to our May Dinner ride, I also sent him a copy of our March newsletter and our webpage address. Ted sounded interested in getting to know us and, hopefully, he and his wife will come to our May meeting. Roger and I will keep them updated on our upcoming activities and make sure they have all the pertinent information so they can join us.

Ride safe, everyone !

**Linda and Roger Runyon**  
**Membership Enhancement Coordinators**  
**Chapter "F" Easley**

## Treasurer's Page

## Chapter Couple of the Year Coordinators Page



The resumes are in and should be distributed to the Judges. The District Convention is this week, May 1 - 3. On Thursday evening Eugene and Renee will join other current and former Chapter, District, Region and International Couples for a Couple Social Hour.

Friday morning will be the interviews with the Judges for all the couples participating in the District Couple of the Year Selection. For all of you who are at the Convention, plan to be at the Selection at which begins at 1:00 PM.

Eugene and Renee have worked hard at preparing resumes, getting the apparel ready (they will look really sharp) and practicing their presentation.

We wish you the best and will be there for you Eugene and Renee.

**Dave and Ruth Meyer**  
**Couple of the Year Coordinators**  
**Chapter "F" Troop**



## Couple of the Year Page



Hi everyone,

This month has been busy for us again. We started the month off going to the Alabama District Convention. We had hoped to participate in the Best Dressed competition but sadly they have discontinued that competition. Eugene and I had a great time and met the couples from Alabama that were competing for the District Couple of the Year. We took the crash scene response and they actually have an ambulance and fire truck participate in the demonstration. It was very realistic and we learned a lot from the experience. We participated in the costume contest and it was great fun. Eugene took second place in the men's division. We had to leave the convention early on Saturday because Eugene had some testing on Monday. I went to practice our skit on Sunday at the Elk Lodge.

The next weekend we took two GWRRA University Classes at the Elk Lodge. After the classes we stayed and practiced our skit for the talent show.

Eugene and I both took the ARC (GWRRA Advanced Riding course) class. The classroom portion was completed at Mutt's Bar-B-Q but the road course had to be postponed because of the rain so we will make it up at our convention.

On Tuesday the 22nd, we had another night of practice for our skit for the convention. The following weekend was our chapter gathering.

We are getting ready for the Couple of the Year selection at the convention, getting a bit nervous but ready to get it done. Eugene and I are making sure we have everything together to take with us and hopefully not leave anything we may need.

We both missed the dinner ride due to us not getting off in time to go. We made the second one for Mickey and Connie and our ride instructors for coming up and doing the ARC class. It was good to see Mickey and Connie back with us for a little while.

Till next time,

**Eugene and Renee Dent**

**Couple of the Year for Chapter "F"**



## Motorist Awareness Coordinator's Page



Hello Everyone

This month Eugene and I both took the ARC (Advanced Rider Course) and we both learned so much from that class. Some of the things we learned was how to ride through curves, where to look and where you can't be when you exit the curve. We also learned it is important that you have a clear mind, you are well rested and you are not overly stressed.

Your eyes can play tricks on you if you do not look close at what you are looking at. You can sometimes see things that are not there or not see things that are there so look more than once. Try to be well rested because you don't know what the other cars out there are going to do. You have to be alert so you can make the right move. A clear mind and rest can save you from being involved in wreck or worse! I encourage everyone to take the ARC class or the TRC (Trike Riding Course) class. You can learn so much from it. You can never get enough knowledge on how to be safe out on the roads. We are also working on a Motorist Awareness Day at a rest area for May. Stay tuned for details.

**Renee Dent**  
**Your MAD (Motorist Awareness Coordinator)**

## International News

### ANOTHER MEMBER BENEFIT!

“KNOWLEDGE” is part of our GWRRA motto. Did you know that GWRRA can teach you how to: remember names better; speak in front of a group; manage stress; manage time; interview; delegate; or even put together a newsletter? Or we can help you learn how to motivate volunteers; build a team; solve problems; write reviews; coach and mentor; conflict management; and much more. All of these subjects could be very valuable to you, whether they apply to your personal or GWRRA life.



Ray and Sandi Garris

*But wait, there's more! How about learning*

how to pack for a trip, understanding the elements, knowing how T-CLOC works, knowing the role of your co-rider, how to group ride safely, night riding, high-side scenarios, crash response and many more aspects of “knowledge” available, without additional cost, to all GWRRA Members.

*All of these items are available to you in a*

one-hour or less seminar. They are featured at our District, Region or Wing Ding conventions, or even special Chapter events. Did you know there are more than 70 seminars, which all include fun, available to our Members?

As you make your plans to attend Wing Ding or any other convention, be sure and take notice of the many different professional seminar presentations available to you.

As a GWRRA Member, we are so fortunate to have so many great volunteers who have written, assembled and are ready to present these incredible seminars for our use. No other motorcycle organization offers anything like this in the world.

**Try one — you'll like it. And, by the way, thanks for attending and participating.**

**RAY & SANDI GARRIS**

Your GWRRA Directors



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## Region News

### Have You Tried It Yet?

Ahhh, Spring has sprung, the grass has riz, I wonder where all the birdies are . . . (Probably down South where it is warm!)

Well, enough of waxing poetic, back to work. As I said at the start, "Have you tried it yet"? And you of course, are wondering just exactly what is "it". Very recently, it was announced by GWRRA Rider Education, that members can now log on to the Rider Ed database, using their very own password, and look at their complete Rider Ed history. Please understand, you can

only log on to YOUR individual RE database to read what riding courses you have completed, seminars taken, anything you have completed in, or for, Rider Education. You cannot change, alter or otherwise make any corrections or updates to that information.

But, look at what this does for you. If you can't remember when your First Aid/CPR course expires, you can go on to the database and look it up. Someone ask you when you completed taking the Motor Awareness Seminar, you can look it up. When are you due for a Riding Course? All of this information is now available to the individual. The Chapter Educator has "Read Only" for their own Chapter, and they could get this information for you, but if you needed it, now you have "Read Only" access, you can research it yourself! This information was passed to the District Educators who in turn have passed it down to the Chapter Educators. It is possible, that not everyone has yet received the information on how to create their own personal password. If that is the case, please contact your Chapter or District Educator, for that information. This is a terrific program and it, for the first time, allows you to check your Rider Ed History on the RE Data- base! Service does not get much better than that . . .

On another note, the Florida Convention just completed another fantastic get together. And for the first time in a long time, I got to RIDE! Sure was nice. The weather was nice, got to see a lot of friends, make a few new ones, and had a great time. Except for one "small" unhappy occurrence. It seems like my ticket number for the 1800, somehow managed to not to get drawn! And don't forget, you have a fresh start with being able to access your very own RE info now. Check with your Chapter Educator on the "how to" part. Have fun with it and use it to your advantage to help you remain current in your RE qualifications

And as always, always be watchful for the unwatchful . . .

**Chuck & Anne Reed**  
**Region "A" Senior Rider Educators**

### To access your Rider Ed Data:

1. You must be a current GWRRA member to log in.
2. Username = membership number. Example: 123456 or 123456-01.
3. Password = numbers in your address + membership expiration date in mmyy format.  
Example: Your address is 12 W 6th St. Only the 12 would be used followed by expiration date.  
Example: Your expiration date is 01/15 - your password would be 120115.
4. If you would like your password emailed to you go to [www.gwrro.org](http://www.gwrro.org) - click on "Officers" then click "Rider Education". On the left side of webpage is a column select "My R.E. information". Then under the MEMBER LOGIN select "I need help logging in." Enter your Member Number in the box then select submit. National will email you your password.



## District News

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The weather is getting nicer everyday and we see more and more people bring out their motorcycles. Some things to think about to help make your ride safer. Check your tires air pressure and inspect them for any damage or excessive wear. Adjust your mirrors. Being alert and having a good attitude will also improve your ride.



Keep your brain connected and focused on your surroundings. This time of year you need to watch for areas of road repair and maintenance, which adds debris and additional hazards to the road.

Wear the proper gear. Be visible, wear bright clothing that stands out, and try not to wear colors that blend into your motorcycle or road.

Make your signals at least 100 feet before your stop or turn to allow time for others to see what you are doing.

**Here are ten motorcycle safety tips that could help keep you alive and well this season:**

**1. Make eye contact.**

Never assume others see you. Always try to make eye contact with drivers who may be about to pull into your path.

**2. Read "vehicle language".**

Even when drivers, cyclists and pedestrians do see you approaching, they often misjudge your distance and speed. Don't rely on them.

**3. Watch out for left-turning vehicles at intersections.**

Getting hit by an oncoming vehicle that's turning left is the most common type of motorcycle crash.

**4. Check behind when turning left from a highway.**

Watch your mirrors and make sure you have plenty of space behind. The drivers behind might not slow down for you.

**5. Look out for hazardous road conditions.**

Wet roads, fluid spills, sand, gravel, highway sealant, railroad tracks, potholes and other road-surface hazards reduce your traction. They cause many falls.

**6. Take it easy on the curves.**

Many crashes happen there. You might overshoot the road or cross the centre line and get hit by oncoming traffic. Watch the road ahead, slow down and choose the correct lane position-before entering a curve.

**7. Wear a good helmet.**

Helmets prevent head injuries in 67 per cent of crashes and deaths in 29 per cent. Make sure your helmet has a sticker showing that it meets current safety standards. Avoid buying a used helmet. It may have been in a crash, and the damage may not be obvious.

**8. Wear protective clothing designed for motorcycle riders.**

It can provide some protection during a crash, as well as shield you from the weather and flying debris. Keeping warm and dry will help you stay alert and maintain coordination. Wear your riding gear in layers so you can adjust to changing conditions. Jeans give little protection. Never ride in lightweight pants or shorts.

**9. Protect your eyes and face.**

Constant wind can make your eyes water, preventing you from spotting hazards. Flying insects, dust and debris can hurt your eyes and face. The best protection is a full-face helmet with a built-in face shield.

**10. Be visible.**

Wear bright, reflective clothing. Add extra reflective material to it or wear a reflective vest. Likewise, buy a bright-colored helmet and stick reflective tape to the back and sides. Always keep your headlight on. Ride in the lane position where other drivers can easily see you and you've got room to move. Avoid all other vehicles' blind spots.

Mike & Mary Coral  
District Educators  
GWRRA Region A



# Technical Information



## Technical Information Submitted By Lou Achille Technical Advisor

*Article written by Jerry Smith in  
Motorcyclist magazine*



As good as they are, stock brakes can often be better. And considering their life-saving responsibilities, there's no shame in wanting the best. When your pads wear out and you replace both of them and the brake fluid—which you should do unless your bike's service manual specifies replacing the fluid sooner—you have to look past the market-speak to get the real skinny if you're going to get the improvements you want. Here's how to tell what you're getting and whether it's really an improvement.

Virtually all modern street-bikes come with sintered metal pads, which are hard to beat for everyday street riding. They grip hard when they're cold—which they almost always are in emergency stops—and they efficiently channel water away from the surface of the brake rotor in wet weather. Their high-temperature performance is usually as good as you'll need at anything less than Lorenzo-versus-Marquez speeds.

Sintered metal pads start as a fine powder containing friction materials, a dash of lubricant, and ground-up magic braking beans. The recipe can be tweaked to provide more initial bite, more progressive feel, or better wet-weather performance in the final product. The powder is put into a mold, heated and compressed until it fuses into a solid block, then bonded to a steel backing plate. Brake pads are rated for their friction coefficient on a scale of A to H; A is the rough equivalent of dragging a stick in the dirt to slow down your apple-crate go-kart, and H is the best you can get. Sintered metal pads achieve HH status, meaning both their cold-stop and hot-stop ranking is the highest. As with tires, a brake pad's compound is tailored to the way it's meant to be used, and although two different brands of pad may have the same rating, they can act quite differently on the motorcycle. One HH-rated pad might have more initial bite or could have a more progressive force/friction curve than another. Ratings alone don't tell the whole story.

Organic and semi-metallic brake pads are made of different stuff than sintered metal pads and are typically softer and less grippy; most rate no higher than GG, a full step below sintered metal. They have their uses, though, such as on older bikes that didn't come with sintered metal pads and whose brake rotors would wear faster with more aggressive pads. Some are made for [dual-sport riding](#) where gritty mud gets between the pad and rotor; the softer pad wears instead of the rotor. Organics don't stop as well when cold, so they contain bits of metal such as copper or bronze that hold onto heat, keeping the pads warmer between

stops. Poor cold stops are also common in some racing pads, which work much better hot than cold; their GH rating gives you that hint. Switching to an organic or semi-metallic pad can also make a sensitive rear brake a bit less so.

Brake fluid comes in two types. The most common is polyglycol-based, and is designated DOT3, DOT4, and DOT5.1. DOT4 is an upgrade of DOT3 and can—and should—be used to replace the older fluid. DOT5.1 differs from DOT3 and DOT4 in that it's less viscous. It's specified for ABS brakes because it cycles back and forth in the system more easily. Note that the other type of brake fluid, DOT5, is not a polyglycol, but a silicone fluid, and does not mix with them.

A characteristic of polyglycol fluid is that it's hygroscopic, which means it absorbs moisture out of the air, sucking it through the fluid reservoir vents and past the caliper piston seals—just popping the cap on the bottle starts the contamination process. Each class of fluid has a “dry” and “wet” boiling point. Dry fluid in a sealed container has one boiling point; fluid with 3.7 percent moisture is considered wet and has a lower boiling point. It takes the fluid in the average streetbike about a year to degrade to where the wet boiling point is the one that matters. This happens sooner if you ride a lot in the rain or if you race the bike and subject the fluid to short periods of very high temperatures punctuated by long periods of sitting in the garage.

There are drawbacks to racing brake fluids just as there are with racing brake pads. The higher the dry boiling point, the more hygroscopic a fluid tends to be, so you need to change it more often. The reality is that on the street you're extremely unlikely to ride hard enough to heat either the stock brake pads or brake fluid past their upper limits. Just keep an eye on pad wear—low fluid level in the reservoir's sight glass is the tip-off—and change the fluid every two years to keep your brakes working at peak performance.

### **Quick Facts:**

Sintered metal pads work better in wet weather because on a microscopic level their surface is granular. Water trapped between a flat pad and rotor initially has nowhere to go but through the slots or holes in the rotor itself. You apply the brake, not much happens, then the water is squeezed out and everything happens at once. Sintered pads allow the water to flow between the grains, giving another path of escape.

# Chapter Events

Chapter "F" had nine chapter events this month. We started with the Alabama District Convention in Mobile, AL from April 3 - 5. There were five of us that participated: Eugene and Renee Dent and Jerry, Barbara and Sasha Taylor. It is a



Renee in her costume.

long trip down to Mobile: 472 miles from Mutt's Bar-B-Q. Eugene and Renee took a wrong turn good on the way there. It's a good thing they left early on Wednesday. It was really fun watching Eugene and Renee participate in the Costume



Eugene won Second place.

contest. Eugene came in second in the mens division. We all had fun. On Friday the five of us along with Goofy and Tweety had a great time visiting the beach. We saw many sights. On the way back from the beach we stopped at Wintzell's Oyster House for dinner. It was very good seafood.



Toga contestants.

The next day was a practice for our skit for our convention. Two members did not make it for the practice. Jerry and Barbara Taylor had trouble getting home from the convention because Barbara's alternator stopped working. It took them about 14 hours to get home.



The South Carolina folks at convention.

Everyone else showed up for the practice. Attending were Buzz and Bev Laplante, Roger and Linda Runyon, Eugene and Renee Dent, Dave and Ruth Meyer and Butch and Pat MacGregor.

We had Tweety at the Alabama Convention but we could not give him away. He has to be given away within the state. On April 10th, we took him to SC "I". We



The four of us delivered the Hot "Tweety" to Chapter SC "I".

had five members for the delivery: Buzz and Bev Laplante and Jerry, Barbara and Sasha Taylor. Chapter "I" had just gotten a new Chapter Director. Bev presented Art and Lucy Seavy with Tweety.



Bev presenting "Tweety to Art Seavy.





Clemson Hibachi Grill Friday night  
Dinner Ride.

Friday, April 11th, was a dinner ride to Clemson Hibachi Grill. Participants were Roger and Linda Runyon, Dave and Ruth Meyer, Buzz and Bev Laplante, Jerry, Barbara and Sasha Taylor. The food was good. American, Chinese and Japanese food were available on the buffet. We had a lot of laughs as usual.

Sunday afternoon, April 13th, Mike Epperson from Chapter "I" presented two University Training Classes. The classes were "Structure of GWRRA" and "Helpful Information for New Members". Homemade cookies and cake were available for snacks and enjoyed by everyone. We had eight participants: Dave Meyer, Rebecca Hunter, Butch and Pat McGregor, Eugene and Renee Dent, Jerry, Barbara and Sasha Taylor. Following the classes we had another skit practice.



Mike Epperson setting up her  
equipment.

Friday, April 18th, we scheduled another dinner ride. This was to celebrate Mickey and Connie being home for a week and to take our ARC instructors out to dinner. We wanted to show appreciation to Mike Melton, Denis Turcotte, and Chuck Reed for coming to the upstate to give an ARC class. The food was good and our guests were able to see first hand that Chapter "F" has a lot of fun. Despite rain outside we had a lot of laughing inside the restaurant. Those attending were



Dinner Ride to celebrate ARC and Mickey and  
Connie.

Dave and Ruth Meyer, Lou Achille, Roger and Linda Runyon, Eugene and Renee Dent, Barbara Taylor, Mickey and Connie

Koziorynsky and Buzz and Bev Laplante alone with our guests Mike Melton, Denis Turcotte and Chuck Reed.

Saturday morning we had the classroom portion of the ARC class. Attending were Eugene and Renee Dent, Ron and Becky Lees, Ed Beard, Roger and Linda Runyon. We had four bikes one bike from Anderson chapter did not make it there.



Mike and Denis getting set up for ARC  
class.





Chuck Reed speaking with Becky Lees and John.

We had a good support group helping with the ARC. Roger Runyon and Dave and Ruth Meyer helped Mike Melton mark the course on Friday. Roger, Dave and Barb Taylor brought blowers. Dave had folding tables, chairs and a canopy to use on the range. Barbara brought drinks, water and snacks for participants. Jerry and Sasha came to help with the course that afternoon. Since

Mother nature brought so much rain the markings had all been washed off and the course was too wet with the wind so it was decided that it was not safe for two wheel motorcycles to complete the course. Now the range will be completed at the convention on Sunday, May 4th.



Linda and Roger Runyon and Ed Beard filling out paperwork

The next event was the District Plaque Attack in Lexington on April 26th. We had



Buzz, Bev, Ruth and Dave.  
(Barb behind camera.)

a really good chance to win the plaque with 846 points per person. Our participants were Tommy and Darlene Campbell, Rod and Susan Ashley, George and Judy Collins, Dave and Ruth Meyer, Buzz and Bev Laplante and Barbara Taylor. It was

our best turn out for a plaque attack in long time with 11 members but alas Charleston brought 27 members. We came in second. It

was a gorgeous day to ride with nice temperatures and a pretty blue sky. We went on the interstate going because of time factor on the way home everyone took a more



Rod, Tommy, Darlene, George, Judy and Susan.

scenic route back to Mutt's.



Kevin and Mary Brown (in foreground)  
Chapter Directors SC "K".

That same evening is our monthly chapter gathering at Mutt's Bar-B-Q. We had 23 members and 6 guests. Kevin and Mary Brown, Chapter Directors of SC "K" in Spartanburg joined us again. John and Janet Crabtree from Chapter "E" also joined us again. They had been out riding in their convertible and enjoying the beautiful weather.

Special guests were Hoyt and Carline Griffis, former Chapter Directors of Chapter "F". We were also glad to welcome Gary Wilcox to the meeting. It has been awhile since he could make a meeting. Two of our sponsors were at our meeting, Gary Wilcox and Lou Achille.



Pat McGregor making a point.

Please try and do business with them whenever you can. Lou builds trikes and does repairs and Gary sells accessories for your bikes. Both give discounts to chapter members. The main topic was the upcoming convention.



Susan won one of the 50-25-25 jackpot.



Eugene won a 50-25-25 jackpot.

Chapter "F" will be completing in many events. The most important will be the District Couple of the Year. Come and support Eugene and Renee if you can.

Susan Ashley and Eugene Dent won the 50-25-25 jackpots.

Barbara Taylor got high mileage with 1300 miles. Eugene got Goofy for another glue



Ruth receiving Goody.

incident of glueing his pants to his leg and also taking the wrong on his way to the Alabama District Convention. Ruth Meyer received Goody for opening their home to all three ARC instructors.



Eugene receiving Goofy, again!

Please join us next month. You will never know what is going to happen.

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## **“Goody” & “Goofy”**

### **The Adventures of Goody**

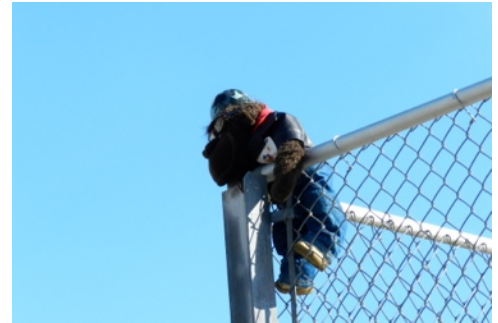
As told to Chip Hunter

I was with Chip Hunter this month. We had a good time together.

I was lucky enough to go to a track meet and watch Chip throw the discus and the shot put in Greenwood. Chip goes to BHP ( Belton Honea Path).

He placed 3rd in discus, throwing 98.7 feet and 36.6 ½ in the shot put. He did not place in shot put. I am still so proud of him. Dave and Ruth Meyer took me to watch him. It was so exciting.

I helped Chip do some of his homework and also study when he was at Dave and Ruth's one Sunday. We studied hard. I did not know what he was doing, but I am so glad he asked me to help.



Goody climbing the fence to get a better view.



Chip and Goody at track meet.



Goody at Track meet.

It was a very busy day for Chip on Saturday the twenty sixth. Chip went to Columbia for the football Combine. That is where the scouts come and watch all of the players and decide whether they want them for their college or not. He played as hard as he could. I could not go with him this time, but was there in spirit. After he came home from Columbia, he had to get ready for the BHP prom. A young lady

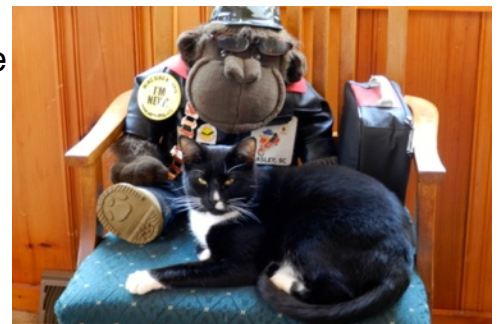
asked him to go, how great is that!! Of course, I could not go with him to the prom, but had to go to the Chapter meeting so someone else can win me for a month.

It was a great time with Chip.

Till next month  
Goody



Chip and Goody studying.



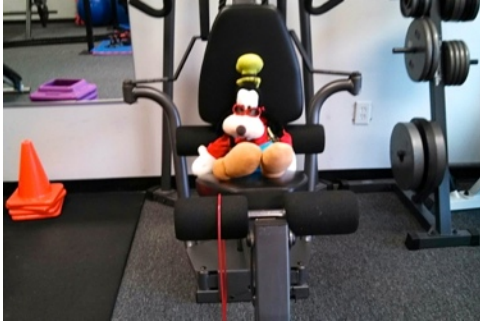
Goody and Little Bit resting.



# The Adventures of Goofy

as told to Renee Dent

Hi folks. This month I was with Renee. One day she took me to the gym, boy it made me tired just watching her work out. I did not think I could go with her again so the next time she went I stayed at home and napped. I went to work with her one day, boy is



Goofy at the Gym.

there a lot of shoes. Part of the day I was in the office where it was quiet. Part of the day I tried to help out. I sat on the counter and helped with the shoes. My goodness those shoes are really big, some of those shoes were bigger than me!



Goofy

I went with Renee and Eugene to the Alabama District Convention. We took the car. I was glad because Eugene made our trip longer than it was suppose to take. Somehow he missed the exit for Montgomery and we headed down I-75 to Macon. We had to take back roads all the way



Goofy at work with Renee.

back to I-85. It was a nice ride, we saw cows and goats. I was glad that we did it but it took a lot longer to get to Mobile, AL.



Exhibits at Gulf Shores.

I had a good time in Alabama. I got to go on a ferry to the Gulf Shores. We went to the beach and saw the Gulf of Mexico. I went everywhere at the convention and people seemed to enjoy seeing me. I watched Eugene and Renee in the costume contest. Eugene was the only one with a black Toga and he won

second place in the men's competition. It was really a lot of fun.

We met a lot of nice folks from Alabama and Florida.

We went on the second dinner ride and I met Mike Melton, Denis Turcotte and Chuck Reed. Renee and Eugene had to work so we missed the first dinner ride. The next big event was the ARC (Advanced Riding Course for 2 wheel motorcycles). I sat on the table so I could see then I got tired and laid down on the table and took a nap. I had to ride in the truck when we left because it was raining and I did not want to get wet. It was fun being with Renee. She lets me sit in her lap when we ride the bike. I have my own booster seat when I ride in the car so I can see better.

**Till next time,  
"GOOFY"**



Goofy at Alabama Convention enjoying sweet tea at Winzell's Oyster Bar.



**Sasha**

## Mascot Corner

April has been another good month for riding. I had 970 miles with mom and 370 miles with dad for a total 1,340 miles, a bit more than last month. I would have gotten to ride more but Mom's trike was out of commission for about ten days, more on that later.

We started the month with a long trip to Mobile, Alabama for the Alabama District Convention. We had never been to that one. We also wanted to support Eugene and Renee Dent, our Chapter Couple



Tweety & I are on the abandoned boat.

I rode with Mom in my Kuryakyn pet carrier. This allows me to lie down if I get tired. Most of the time you will see my head poking thru the flap on the top. It allows me to rest the top half of me on the edge of the carrier and I can put my paws on mom while looking around, I love it! We saw Lady Blue



and were surprised to find out she had gotten married and moved to Texas.

Some of our buddies from Mississippi were not there like my Aunt Lori Bryant (she had to work). Some of my other Mississippi friends came on Saturday and I got to see Nancy and Larry Wade and Bobby Bryant. I miss Aunt Lori a lot and I hope she can come to our convention. On the second day of the convention Eugene, Renee, Mom, Dad and I we drove out to the beaches along the Gulf. It was very windy but it was still fun. We had Tweety Bird and Goofy with us and they seemed to enjoy the ride with the wind in their "hair".



Eugene, Renee and Goofy at the Convention.



I'm glad these Sting rays are not real.



After the beaches we stopped at Wintzell's Oyster House & Restaurant for dinner. Mom



said it was some of the best seafood she has had. Tweety and Goofy ate a lot. I only got to smell the food since I was in my bag there.



Mom loved the seafood.

When we were leaving the convention Saturday night it started raining. Mom had to close my flap to keep me dry. After about a hour we were out of the rain. Then about 85 miles north of Mobile



mom's alternator stopped working. Since it was late with no shops opened until Monday we were not sure what we should do. Finally, Dad decided to swap batteries. Here we were on the side of the interstate and the only two flashlights that we had were the ones we had gotten at Wing Ding. We finally got the batteries changed and luckily the battery had enough power to start Dad's bike. We could only go about 20 miles before having to stop and change them again. It was a long night of trading batteries back and forth. I am sorry Dad had to work so hard changing them. I wish I could have helped. We limped home and arrived the next day. It took about 14 hours to get home.

I went on a dinner ride to Clemson but we had to go in the car. I rode with Dad on his bike to the University Training Classes on the 13th. On the 19th, we had a big event for the chapter, an ARC riding course. Dad and I rode Mom's trike over to help out with the range portion. The closer we got to Liberty the more it rained. I was standing up in my pet carrier getting wet and Mom got on to Dad about letting me get wet. It was ok, I was not cold. My next trip was to the monthly gathering I rode with Dad there and home with Mom. I sure do love riding. I'm so glad I have parents that like to ride and let me ride too. Since summer is almost here my pet carrier will get hot so my Dad is fixing an air conditioning system for my pet carrier. Love it.



*Till next month  
Sasha Taylor live mascot*



## Member's Articles

### Afternoon Ride

By Barbara Taylor

It was a beautiful day with a temperature of 68-70 degrees and a beautiful blue sky. A lunch ride was planned but folks were out of town, had to work and so forth. I was ready to ride and explore so I did. Just can't waste a beautiful day.



The Clock Tower.

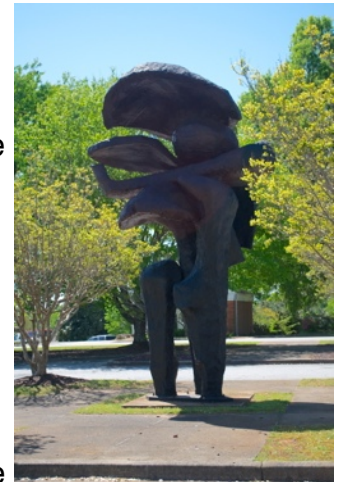
I headed into downtown Easley to the Old Market Square. They have some interesting sculptures there, not sure exactly what they represent. A few years back they did some renovating of downtown Easley. It is separated by a railroad track running down the middle of main street. A train came thru town while I was there.

I liked the clock tower and the swings around it are just great. I still enjoy swinging and spent a little time there enjoying them. They have a nice amphitheater for events close to the clock tower.

There are also some stone picnic tables available and more swings heading toward the fountains and gazebo,

very picturesque. On a Thursday afternoon there were only a few people around. I walked around town and looked at the old buildings they have refurbished. There are several antique stores so I looked in two of them. It is always interesting to see treasures from the past and sometimes it brings memories back of times in my life. I enjoy new technology most of the time but older things can be comforting too.

After getting pictures of the downtown and walking around I was hungry so I went for lunch at the Starving Artist Cafe. I had Quiche and Lentil soup. It was good. They had some nice looking artwork by local folks and some handmade jewelry by local folks. It was a pleasant afternoon even doing it by myself. Getting on my trike and riding on a beautiful day is always awesome and to see pretty sites even better. I took the long way home to enjoy more of the day.



One of the sculptures in Old Market Square.



The wonderful swings.



Lovely gazebo and fountains.



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## Birthdays and Anniversaries

### May Birthday's



**Linda Runyon**  
May 1



**Buzz Laplante**  
May 9



**Mary Patterson**  
May 13



**Rod Ashley**  
May 28



**Judy Collins**  
May 31

### May Anniversaries



**Brian and Mandy Gillespie**  
May 19

### GWRRA Birthdays

**John Bucy**  
May 10, 1999

**Buzz Laplante**  
May 16, 2012

**April Stegall**  
May 21, 2013

**Michaela Stegall**  
May 21, 2013

**Conner Stegall**  
May 21, 2013

**Don Parsons**  
May 23, 2012



## Upcoming Events

**May 1 - 3, 2014**

**South Carolina District Convention - "Cartoon Land" - Florence, SC**

**[www.gwrrasc.com](http://www.gwrrasc.com) - Click on "2014 District Convention"**

**June 12 - 14, 2014**

**Georgia District Convention - "Goldwing Rodeo" - Dillard, GA**

**[www.gwrra-ga.com](http://www.gwrra-ga.com) - Click on "2014 Georgia Rally"**

**July 2-5 2014**

**Wing Ding 36 Madison Wisconsin "Light up the Lakes"**

**Alliant Energy Center [wing-ding.org](http://wing-ding.org)**

**September 11 - 13, 2014**

**Region "A" Convention - "Fiesta" - Eufaula, AL**

**[www.gwrra-regiona.org/RArally.shtml](http://www.gwrra-regiona.org/RArally.shtml)**

**September 25 - 27, 2014**

**North Carolina District Convention - Cherokee, NC**

**[www.gwrranc.org](http://www.gwrranc.org) - Click on "Wings Over the Smokies"**

**October 16 - 18, 2014**

**Mississippi District Convention - "Be a Clown" - Gulfport, MS**

**[www.miss.gwrra-regiona.org](http://www.miss.gwrra-regiona.org) - Click on "2014 Rally Flyer Pg 1" and "2014 Rally Flyer Pg 2"**

## **2015**

**March 19 - 21, 2015**

**Florida District Convention - "America the Beautiful" - Kissimmee, FL**

**[www.fl.gwrra-regiona.org](http://www.fl.gwrra-regiona.org) - "Click for INFO".**

**May 14 - 16, 2015**

**Alabama District Convention - "A Spring SPOOKtacular" - Eufaula, AL**

**[www.alabama-gwrra.org](http://www.alabama-gwrra.org) - Click on tab for "Rally".**

## Upcoming Chapter Events

May 17, 2014

Dinner Ride to Hendersonville (will be a lunch ride).

May 31, 2014

Motorist Awareness Event at I-85 Rest Area.

June 21, 2014

Chapter "F" Picnic.

July 19, 2014

CPR/AED/FIRST-AID Class.

August 2, 2014

Lake Party at Rusty and Pat Fuller's home.

August 16, 2014

Progressive Dinner Ride.

September 1, 2014

Pool Party at Rod and Susan Ashely's pool.

September 6, 2014

Moonshiners Highway 28 Ride and Dragon Ride.

October 4, 2014

South Carolina District Picnic.

Darlington Motor Speedway 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

October 11, 2014

Halloween Party at Dave and Ruth Meyer's home.

November 8, 2014

Bingo Party.

December 13, 2014

Christmas Party at Elks Lodge.

***These are the dates so far so you can make plans to attend whenever you can. It is possible that we might add something or find it necessary to adjust a date. Please watch your emails. and updates in the newsletter.***

# Calendar

## Chapter Gatherings

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### GWRRRA - SC Chapter "F" Calendar - May, 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	1 SC District Convention Linda Runyon's Birthday	2 SC District Convention	3 SC District Convention
4	5	6 K	7	8 I	9 A	10 P-G-H-E-J Buzz Laplante's Birthday in Hawaii Chapter "P" Safety Fair
11 Mother's Day	12	13 Mary Patterson's Birthday	14	15 M	16	17 O - Q - S Dinner (Lunch) Ride Armed Forces Day
18 Team Meeting	19 Brian and Mandy Gillespie's Anniversary	20 V	21	22	23	24 F Plaque Attack Monthly Gathering
25 Newsletter Article Deadline	26 Memorial Day Lunch Ride	27	28 Rod Ashley's Birthday	29	30	31 Judy Collins' Birthday

#### Events Happening This Month (E-mails to follow to confirm chapter events.)

**May 1 - 3, 2014** - South Carolina District Convention - Florence, SC - "Cartoon Land"

**May 10, 2014** - Chapter "P" Safety Fair, 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM, Carolina Honda, Columbia, SC. See flyer on Page 19.

**May 11, 2014** - Mother's Day- No University Training Classes

**May 17, 2014**- Dinner (Lunch) ride to Hendersonville, SC. Rod and Susan Ashley will email details.

**May 18, 2014** - Team Meeting at Dave and Ruth Meyer's home - 1:30 PM - ??

**May 24, 2014** - Plaque attack Chapter "G" Charleston details to follow

**May 26, 2014** - Chapter Gathering - Mutt's Barbecue, 1020 Powdersville Road, Easley, SC- Eat at 6:00 PM - Meet at 7:00 PM

**May 25, 2014** - Newsletter Article Deadline.

**May 26, 2014** - Memorial Day

**May 26, 2014** - Lunch Ride