

The Blue Ridge Rambler

Friends for Fun Safety and Knowledge – CHAPTER SC - T, GREER SC

A Duly Chartered Chapter of GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION, Region A, SC District

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Note From The Director



Merry Christmas to all our Gold Wing Friends

It is the time of year to stop and think about the Holidays. Friends and Family are a big part of Christmas. For US that includes each and every one of YOU!!

Over this month, stop and help someone in need. It could be helping a lady out to her car with groceries. I like to help by returning peoples buggies for them, even if it is raining. Thank the cashier at Walmart or Target for being at work today. Drop your lose change (or more) from your pocket in the Salvation Army kettle. You can wish a total stranger, Merry Christmas! It might just make them smile! I promise it will warm their heart.

Acts of Random Kindness (A.R.K.) are available all around. It only takes an extra step or two for each of you to make some one's day a little brighter. Now try and see how many people you can make smile, with Act's of Random Kindness. If you don't see a smile, look in the mirror, you might just see your own smile!

We have enjoyed our time as your Chapter Directors. We look forwarded to a great new year, with our New Chapter Directors, Butch and Pat MacGregor. We are not going away, and Chapter T cannot get rid of us that easy. We are just taking on a more suitable role for us, as Assistant Chapter Directors. We will see you all at the Belated Christmas Party.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!

Curt & Beth Maras
Chapter Directors; SC-T
Greer, South Carolina

Next Chapter SC-T Meeting

Our next regular meeting will be
Saturday, February 6th, 2010
at Denny's on Wade Hampton Blvd.
in Taylors, SC 6:00 pm to eat – 7:00 pm to meet



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November Meeting Fun



AWARDS & PRIZES



Bob Dexter is awarded Capt T for helping a Harley rider with a jump start.



Curt received the Goofy Gorilla Award again for getting everybody's name wrong during the meeting.



Chapter Pride, free Dennys meal, won by Becky Lees.



Project gift: 12solar powered garden lights donated by Wayne and Angel Cossano Won by Joyce Spooner.



Curt Maras received the Joker and must now tell a joke at next month's meeting.



Ward and Wayne Cossano each win a share of the 50-25-25 award.



Randy Phenoix receives a plaque in appreciation for his service as Ride Coordinator.



Chapter T receives the Hot Potato from Chapter E

Who Is The Baby

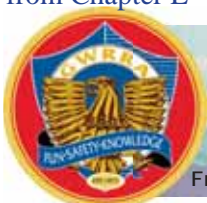
Can you name the baby in the picture??

If so, please email gwrra.sc.t@gmail.com, who you think it is.

Hint: The baby is a current member of Chapter T.

New babies every month... share your baby picture with Beth and no one else.

There were NO guesses last month on this adorable baby so here is a Hint: She is the eldest of her siblings



Just a little note...



Ron and I can't believe this year is almost done. It has been a fast and fun time for us being your Chapter COY. We've done quite a bit of riding to get Leadership training in preparation for the District COY selection process at the end of April. We've done some Chapter visitations and plan on getting to the rest of the chapters done before the District Rally. We are starting again after the first of the year.

We attended the Georgia District Rally with Butch and Pat and had a great time. We went to the Region "A" Rally in Alabama. We competed in best dress competition in both and did well. We actually clean up pretty good. We had a leadership class in Easley in November and learned more things about Chapter life. Butch, Pat, Curt and Beth joined us and said they had a good time.

During all this we even managed to take a small vacation to WV and VA. Butch and Pat tagged along with us. We took them to Babcock State Park to visit a working grist mill. Then went to Beckley coal mine and took a tour through a coal mine. We visited one of our favorite caverns, Luray. These are beautiful caverns. The one thing we didn't like was the self guided tours. People were all over the place and it was hard to get good pictures without someone being in them. We traveled some nice back roads and went on the Skyline Drive for 100 miles.

So as the year draws to an end we just want to say Thanks for all your support and hope to see you at the District Rally cheering us on.

We wish you a Merry Christmas
And a Joyous New Year

Ron and Becky



Note From The Rider Educator



Hi Everyone, the following information was provided by the District Educator, Jesse Sammons

SCDPS, SCDOT REMIND MOTORISTS TO MOVE OVER FOR EMERGENCY PERSONNEL, HIGHWAY WORKERS

COLUMBIA – The South Carolina Department of Public Safety and the SC Department of Transportation were joined today by law enforcement, firefighters and EMS at six locations around the state to emphasize the importance of the “Emergency Scenes” law in South Carolina. The law requires motorists to

move over into the adjacent lane when they see first responders at work on the roadways.

The agencies released two public service announcements, one including all first responders, and the second one geared toward law enforcement working at traffic stops. The two spots were jointly produced by the agencies. Additionally, SCDOT began on June 1 placing highway signs up on roadways around the state saying “Move Over Or Reduce Speed For Stopped Emergency Vehicles.” The signs are at various locations along I-20, I-26, I-77, I-85, I-95, I-385 and I-526.

According to a national poll by Mason Dixon Polling & Research, sponsored by the National Safety Commission, 71 percent of Americans have not heard of “Move Over” laws. Incidents in which workers are struck while working at the scene of a collision, traffic stop or in work zones continue in South Carolina and nationwide.

More than 150 U.S. law enforcement officers have been killed since 1999 after being struck by vehicles along America’s highways, according to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund. Four South Carolina Highway Patrol troopers have been struck by vehicles and killed since 1981 while working: http://www.schp.org/in_memory.asp.

SCDPS and SCDOT combined resources to address this issue through the two public service announcements. The PSAs may be viewed at: http://www.schp.org/cro/breaking_news.html. PSAs will be running on radio as well (see attached).

South Carolina law Section 56-5-1538 defines an emergency scene as “a location designated by the potential need to provide emergency medical care.” It is identified by emergency vehicles with flashing lights, rescue equipment, or emergency personnel on scene. South Carolina’s “Move Over” law also provides protection for highway workers. Section 56-5-1536 also requires motorists to “move over” into an adjacent lane whenever possible when passing temporary work zones. A temporary work zone is defined as “an area on a roadway identified by orange work zone signs or equipment with flashing lights, and the presence of workers on the scene.”

Drivers approaching a temporary work zone or an emergency scene are required by law to:

- Keep their vehicle under control
- Proceed with due caution
- Significantly reduce their vehicle speed
- Yield the right of way by making a lane change into a lane not adjacent to the temporary work vehicle or equipment if on a highway with at least four lanes, with at least two lanes proceeding in the same direction
- Maintain the safe speed for road conditions if changing lanes is impossible or unsafe.

Endangering temporary work zone or emergency personnel is considered a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than \$300 nor more than \$500. Obeying this little-known law can save a life and prevent injury.

“The message we are trying to send is that if you see flashing lights, there is a potential hazard ahead,” said SCDPS Director Mark Keel. “Adjust your speed and began moving into the opposing lane. This gives emergency workers room to work. It is common sense but many people don’t realize it’s the law in South Carolina as well as most other states.”

Greenville Deputy Will Richter, who is featured in the law enforcement PSA, was struck and injured in a hit-



and-run collision in 2007 while at a traffic stop. In-car video footage from his patrol car is shown in the public service announcement to illustrate the dangers law enforcement officers face each day

Below are the current scheduled Rider training courses; for more information, don't hesitate to call your Chapter Rider Educator

The more you know the better (and Safer) it gets.

Experienced Rider Course:

Duncan – 19-21 February
16-18 April
18-20 June

Columbia - 11-13 December
26-28 February
23-25 April
25-27 June

Intermediate Rider Course:

Duncan – 20-22 November
15-17 January
19-21 February
19-21 March
16-18 April
14-16 May
18-20 May

Columbia - 11-13 December
29-31 January
26-28 February
26-28 March
23-25 April
21-23 May
25-27 June

Beginner Rider Course:

Duncan – 4-6 December
11-13 December
22-24 January
29-31 January
5-7 February
12-14 February
5-7 March
12-14 March
26-28 March
9-11 April
23-25 April
30 April – 2 May
7-9 May
21-23 May
4-6 June
11-13 June
25-27 June

Columbia - 4-6 December
11-13 December
8-10 January
22-24 January
5-7 February
19-21 February
5-7 March
9-11 March
19-21 March
9-11 April
16-18 April
30 April – 2 May
4-6 May
14-16 May
4-6 June
11-13 June

Ward & Phyllis Cossano
Rider Educator; SC-T



Captain T

Submitted by Bob Dexter

Hi everyone: My current honoree Bob Dexter and his bride Peg, recently let me out of the cage and took me for several rides as you can see in my pictures.

It was a cool and cloudy Day when I got to have a real treat and venture out side of my normal confines for a ride on the back of a really nice Yellow Goldwing trike. It was a blast and I hope for many more.

First, we went to Chesnee to see the monster Stator being moved to the new power plant in NC. This is a Duke Energy power plant being built a couple of miles from the Dexter's home. This new power plant will allow 12 old coal fueled plants to be retired once it is up and running in 2012. Thanks are owed to the Security Officer who allowed us to park in front of it. This was however, only after repeated assurances that the photo-op would not take more than 5 minutes. He must have been afraid I would draw a crowd if I stayed longer. The Stator was parked along the CSX rail tracks where the trailer is being altered to permit it to travel the remaining route to it's new home and access was only to workers who are involved in the retrofit and moving of it.

The other photo is at Cowpens National Battlefield where the Dexter's went for one of the walks they take daily. Thank goodness they let me rest in the Bike!

That's my time in the saddle for now. If the weather cooperates the Dexter's have promised to take me on some more outings.

Yours sincerely, Chapter T's Captain "T"



For Our Local Charity Raffle



We are raffling off a front tire for a Gold Wing.

****Dunlop E3 front tire****

ChrisCo Accessories has donated a Gold Wing front tire .

All proceeds raised will be donated to Greer Community Ministries. We are selling tickets ... \$1 per ticket, \$5 for 7 tickets, \$10 for 15 tickets, \$20 for 40 tickets.

We will be selling tickets thru December and drawing a winner on January 2 at Chapter Ts Christmas party. Please see Beth or Curt Maras (CD) or Butch and Pat MacGregor (ACD) for your raffle tickets.



RECRUITS

The Chapter that recruits the most new members by December 15th of 2009 will have their 2010 charter fee paid by the Home Office and each chapter member attending Wing Ding in Des Moines will get \$10.00 off their registration.

The chapter that recruits the most new members by November 1st of 2010 will have their charter fee for 2011 paid by the Home Office and each member will receive 50% off their Wing Ding registration for 2011. The winning chapter will also receive a handsome trophy with their name inscribed which will rotate each year to the next winning chapter.

The Chapter that gets the most former (fully expired) members to re-join by December 15th of 2009 will have their 2010 charter fee paid by the Home Office and each member will get \$10.00 off their Wing Ding registration for Des Moines in 2010.

Region A, this is a good time to shine. We already have the International Chapter of the Year in Mississippi; let's see if we can bring one of these distinctions home.

Thanks for your on-going efforts in this important matter.

Bob and Nan Shrader Region A Director email - floridadd@msn.com



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Pat MacGregor



Web Master / DJ
Matt Andrews



Photographer
Becky Lees



The Cycle World International Motorcycle Show

The Cycle World International Motorcycle Shows will be touring the country again this winter with all the new models under one roof and we're coming to a city near you!

How to Get Discount Tickets

- Don't pay full price for tickets to the show! Request discount coupons for your club.
- 1. Reply to this email
- 2. Tell me your club's name
- 3. Where to mail the discount coupons
- 4. How many coupons your club wants (no limit!)
- Discount coupons are good at the box office for \$3 off the ticket price.
- For an even bigger discount, use the discount coupon code to pre-purchase tickets online at Motorcycleshows.com.

Online tickets are the way to go – less cost for you and no waiting in line at the box office!

How to Get Into the Show for Free!

Be a part of the show! Volunteer to be a part of the Club Connection and your ticket is on us.
Tell Your Club About the Show!

I'm reaching out to you, but don't keep this info to yourself. Spread the news.

- Talk about the IMS discount coupon offer at the club meeting
- Include language from this e-mail in your club's newsletter or e-mail
- Post this e-mail on the club's forum/message board
- Talk about the IMS discount coupon offer and show during a club ride

What's Happening at This Year's Shows

Here's why you can't miss this year's show.

- It's the first place you'll get to see and sit on all new motorcycles and ATV's from Honda, Yamaha, Kawasaki, Suzuki, Harley-Davidson and more.
- New stunt shows from the Ducati Freestyle Team!
- Custom bike competition from pro and amateur builders.
- At the expanded Hub seminar series you can learn about advanced riding techniques from Lee Parks, Long-distance touring, prepping for a track day, helmet fit, care and construction and more.
- See vintage motorcycles from the days of your youth, your parent's youth and even your grandparent's youth.
- Have a fun and free photo taken at the MotoPhoto booth in a Campagna T-Rex.
- For women riders, the Women's Center is where they can see and model gear designed specifically for them.
- Plus so much more!

Get your discount coupons and get to the show!

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Beth Maras
Mrs. Chapter Director



Birthdays

November

Theresa Langford.....	8
Donna Melcher.....	13
Paul DiMascio.....	17
Roger Smith.....	19
Ward Cossano.....	21
Wayne Cossano.....	21
Randy Phoenix.....	25

December

Butch MacGregor.....	1
Ron Lees.....	18
Becky Lees.....	18

January

Larry Casciere.....	19
Dee Lozano.....	25

Anniversaries

November

Mac & Cynthia Knight.....	28
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December

Butch & Pat MacGregor.....	24
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January

none.....	
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Project Gift Sign-up

December.....OPEN
January 2010.....No Meeting

Dinner Ride Sign-up

January 2010.....OPEN

We still have a few OPEN months for the Project Gift and Dinner Rides... please see Curt or Beth to sign-up.

Quotes

Only a biker knows why a dog sticks his head out of a car window.

Don't argue with an 18-wheeler.

Safety doesn't happen by accident.

Never ride faster than your guardian angel can fly.

submitted by Wayne Cossano

Prayer Requests

All Things less fortunate than ourselves



A Very Maras Christmas



Note From The Editor



I would like to thank the following people for submitting articles, ideas, photos, and other info to this month's newsletter. Curt and Beth Maras, Ward Cossano, Becky Lees, Bob Dexter and Wayne Cossano. Without you all, this newsletter would be impossible. Thanks so much for your continued support!

Angel Cossano
Newsletter Editor; SC-T
Greer, South Carolina

SC District Rally

April 29 - May 1, 2010

Charleston, SC

For more info, visit the following website:

<http://gwrrasc.org/>

Wing Ding 32

May 30 - July 3, 2010

Des Moines, IA

For more info, visit the following website:

<http://www.gwrra.org/>

Region A Rally

September, 2010

For more info, visit the following website:

<http://www.gwrra-regiona.org/>

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