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# Electric City Wings



## Anderson, SC Chapter "A"



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## CHAPTER DIRECTOR, JERRY AND WANDA CRANE

We just got home from the Officer's meeting in Charleston. Great meeting and a lot of fun! The rally this year should be a great one. So far they have signed up approximately 25 vendors with another 5 or so saying they are coming but not actually paying their entry fees. This year's Fiesta theme was in full spirit with the district officers wearing their costumes. There are a lot of people who have made their hotel reservations but not actually registering for the rally. Go ahead and make the commitment and register for the rally, we are going to have a great time. Let's make Chapter A the

chapter with the highest percentage attendance.

Since Christmas we all have been frozen in place literally. The ice on one of the roads to my house still has ice on it! The



good news is it looks like the weather will be in the high 40's and low 50's for the next 10 days at least.

We have two great opportunities to do group rides the coming two weekends.

Chapter F in Easley is hosting a SC plaque attack on the 22nd, and Greenwood is host a Region A plaque attack on the 29th. Additionally, we announced the Heritage Challenge at the January meeting. This is a great opportunity for those who enjoy riding individually or in other than large groups to go out and put some miles on the bike! You'll find the rules on the chapter web site. The winner of the Challenge will be announced at the District rally in April.

We've got some great rides planned for the year and I hope that you all will join us.

## CHAPTER "A" GATHERING

Mamma Penn's

2802 North Main Street, Main Street Place, Anderson, SC

864-226-1545

Time: 6:30PM to Eat and 7:30 to meet.

Our Gathering will be held the second Friday of each Month.

## ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, JAMES AND DONNA ATKINS

### MONTHLY JOKE

A ten year-old boy was walking down the street when a big man on a black motorcycle, pulls up beside him and asks, "Hey kid, wanna go for a ride?" "No!", said the boy, and he kept on walking. The motorcyclist pulls up to him again and says, "Hey kid,, I'll give you \$10 if you hop on the back" "NO!" said the boy and proceeded down the street a little quicker. The motorcyclist pulls up to the boy again and says, "Ok kid, I'll give you \$20 and a BIG bag of candy if you hop on the back for a ride." At this point the boy turns around to him and screams angrily, "**Look Dad, YOU** bought the Honda, so **YOU** ride it!!

2011 is here and making a statement! A very cold and wet statement! It hurts me because I know that my Goldwing is out in the garage wanting to be ridden!

We just returned from the annual GWRRA Officers meeting in Charleston and we only saw one motorcycle there. I do believe it belonged to a Charleston Chapter member. We did have a productive meeting and brought back a little knowledge. An update to the OCP class was done for the people that have had the class. This will need to be attended each year to retain an Officer position. We were updated on plans

for the upcoming Rally in Charleston in April. Chapters are encouraged to start prepping for all the events and chapter challenges. Chapter A will be getting busy with our Cos-



tumes, Chapter challenge (Sombrero), picture scrap book, banner and something for the talent show. I would like for everyone to pitch in and help when possible over the next few months to get ready. Chap-

ter A will be putting a package together and competing for Chapter of the year for 2011. This will be based on what and how we do in our activities this year. We will be talking lots more about this in the next few months for sure.

We are starting out this year without a Rider Educator. Jerry and I have and will continue sharing this duty along with our other duties until we find someone willing to help with this position. It is such an important part of what GWRRA stands for. Safety is our number one concern and

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## Tid Bits for the Month

In 2008 more than 1.1 Million motorcycles were sold. The largest record for bikes sold in a year was in 1973 when more than 1.5 million bikes were sold for the year. Through out the rest of the 70's and 80's the motorcycle industry held its own but did not sale near as many. In 1993 sales started to pick up more as the baby boomers started getting more interested and a broader range in styles of bikes hit the market. In 2009 bikes sold were decreased to 650K bikes sold that year. Most bikes being bought are thought to be because of the large increase of gas sales over the past couple of years.

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a Rider Educator would help remind us and educate us on riding safe.

Fun is what I like, and Chapter A has started a new challenge for the Chapter. Jerry presented this challenge at our January gathering at Mama Penn's'. Those of you that did not attend we challenged all members to ride to various places shown on the SC Heritage Corridor web site. If you decide to visit these sites just take along your camera so that you can document. Take a picture with you and bike, Spouse and bike, or just the bike but make sure that you identify the site with a sign, building our something proving you were there. Go to the website and print out a map showing the mileage from Anderson to each site. Email it in to me or Jerry or bring it when you come to the meeting each month. We plan to tally the points based on miles to each site. So get out and ride and have fun. This does not have to be done alone. It can be group rides, so call a buddy to ride along.

Chapter A will try and do more rides this year as a group. So if you have that favorite spot you would like to visit as a group let us know. You can plan and lead the ride or just throw out the idea and we will make it happen. The most important thing is to plan to have fun!

We will plan to make the upcoming Plaque attack in Easley on the 22nd and also plan to ride to Greenwood for an attempt for the regional traveling Plaque on the 29th. So check the times and meeting places for these two event on [www.electriccitywings.com](http://www.electriccitywings.com).

## COLD WEATHER RIDING

We have several more months where there will be times when the weather will be cold. So it is a good time to remember some of the key things to remember before you go out riding.

First, before you even push out the bike from the garage, put on some appropriate safety gear. Boots, helmet, and gloves in addition to your jackets and warm pants. There is a higher probability that you will have a mishap with cold slick roads and the protection will be really appreciated if you do go down.

Secondly, make sure you have good tread and proper air pressure in your tires. Remember it is only a small patch of rubber that keeps you upright.

Third, cold weather riding has the additional possible hazard of hypothermia. Your core body temperature goes down and with it your ability to concentrate and remain awake. If you are getting cold, realize that there is no award for "toughing it out". Stop somewhere and get some hot chocolate or coffee and allow your body to get back to normal temperature, it will only add a few minutes to your ride and it may save you a trip to the hospital or worse.



## HIGH FLYER OF THE MONTH

The high flyer award is given each month to a member of the group who has shown the love for riding and gaining the most miles on the bike for the month. This month's High flyer award went to Curtis Atkins for riding a total of 750 miles for the month! Curtis said his bike has just been calling his name so much he went out and bought himself and Donna heated suits for the winter months!! Congratulations !!



**BIRTHDAYS**

Terry Morgan - 1/12  
Patty Jordan - 1/29  
Scott Brigman - 1/29  
  
Donna Atkins - 2/13  
James Little - 2/13

**ANNIVERSARY'S**

No Anniversary's for this month!

**MEC, J.W WORLEY**

Well 2011 is underway and so far the weather is not what you want when you own a motorcycle. Now is the time to start thinking about getting everything checked out on the bike because better riding weather is not that far away. We plan to have even more day trips and overnights



your reservations, Chapter A will be staying at the Hampton Inn and will have a group ride down on Wednesday. We are also planning a trip to Knoxville

TN in July to attend the GWRRA Wing Ding. Remember when we are planning these rides, they are not limited to just

than we did in 2010. Start making your list of where you would like to ride. This year we will have a Chapter Challenge to give you a good excuse to get out and ride. You can even win \$\$\$. Don't forget the District Convention in Charleston in April. If you have not made

Goldwing riders. Invite your friends to join us for our Gatherings and rides.

**MURPHY THE TURKEY**



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Murphy the Turkey is awarded each month to the one luckiest/unluckiest person of the month. If you make an oopsie during the month most of the time he is going to spend a month at your house !!! This months winner is Michael Atkins !! It is a very interesting experience and one that he wishes to never happen again. Well Michael was riding his bike home from work on a couple of back roads enjoying the nice weather we have been having when all of the sudden out of no where a ..... **Wait for it** ..... Rooster comes out of no where and hits Michael in his helmet! The Rooster then falls into Michael's Lap in which he was then thrown from the bike! Michael was fine but don't think the Rooster was dressed for the ride!

# CHAPTER "T"

Chapter "F" of Easily captured the plaque this Month on December 4th!

This months plaque attack will be held at:

Mutt's BBQ,  
Powdersville Rd,  
Easley, SC  
EAT at Noon - MEET at 1:00pm



To all of Chapter "A" lets all get together this month and bring the whole upstate down and capture this plaque!! Invite friends of friends of friends!!! We can do it!!

## FRIENDS

**"VISITORS THIS MONTH"**

Kennith McCallister - Chapeter "F"

## FUN

- "UPCOMING EVENTS"**
- Plaque Attack Jan. 22nd, Meet at Anderson Mall at 11am to ride to Easily.
  - Region Wanderer Jan.28th, Meet at Anderson Mall at 10:30 to ride to Greenwood!
    - SC District Convention April 28-30
      - Wing Ding 33 July 6-9

## SAFETY

**\*\* WINNER's \*\***

50-25-25

Jerry Crane and Donna Atkins

## KNOWLEDGE

# MONTHLY CHAPTER PICS



**KELLY'S NEW VEST !!! VERY HAPPY AND PROUD TO SPORT THE GWRRA . . .**



**JERRY PRESENTING AT THE 2011 OFFICERS MEETING IN CHARLESTON !!**



**JANUARY GATHERING AT MOMMA PENS . . .**

## THE HERITAGE CHALLENGE 2011



This year Chapter "A" will be having several chapter challenges to encourage riding, promote the GWRRA and most of all to have fun. Using the web site [www.sc-heritagecorridor.org](http://www.sc-heritagecorridor.org) the state is broke up into different Regions.

The challenge will be to visit each of the sites listed in each of the Regions and is set up kind of like a scavenger hunt if any of you have participated in any of these.

The rules are simple. Collect as many points as possible by visiting as many of the sites as you can. When you have visited a site you are to email Jerry Crane at [jerry.crane@att.net](mailto:jerry.crane@att.net) describing the ride and the site visited. Include a photo taken of you in front of the landmark or something at the landmark showing that you were there. You must ride your bike and the following things must be included in the picture. Either you Helmet, Motorcycle or your co-rider. Your Rally flag must also be present in the picture. If you were not given one see Jerry Crane for yours.

The scoring is pretty straight forward. A point is given for each mile to the site. If the site is 15 miles then you would be awarded 18.6 points. If the site is less than 15 miles then regardless you will be awarded a minimum of 18.6 points.

You must also print out or email the map quest results from the page showing your mileage from your house address to the site visited !! All points will be tallied and will be presented in monthly gathering and will also be included in the newsletter. If you do not have email and can not email your results as you do them bring your results to the Monthly Meeting !! Good Luck to all and have a blast viewing your state !!!

## NEWS LETTER CHAPTER "A" EDITOR

I want to first start off saying that I hope that every one and their families had a wonderful Christmas and New Year! 2010 was a great year with tons of rides and gatherings with great people throughout the State of SC. I have been a member of the GWRRA going on 2 years now and I can not even begin to say or express the amount of fun, friendship, comradery and lessons learned during this time.

I am looking forward to 2011 and the challenges and events that our chapter is going to be having this year. I do believe that the Heritage Challenge that we are going to be doing as a group will not only bring us closer together as a chapter but will also allow for growth in our chapter and in the GWRRA. We encourage and welcome any and every one from all chapters around the state and region to join us in our rides this year. We have grown together as a chapter and became a big family over the past couple of years.

I want to personally invite any and every one on our rides and let us show you all of the fun that we have been having. If any one would like to know when our planned rides and trips will be please just shoot me or any of the other Chapter member an email and we will send you detailed information on where we are going to meet, ride and stay if it is and over night trip. My email address is:

**atkinjm1@gmail.com**. We will make sure that we get this to every one as soon as the trips are planned and will make an email list to all that is interested in knowing about our events as soon as the plans are made.

Also I wanted to open this up and ask for any questions, criticism, suggestions and/or things you would like to see in our news letter or on our website! We welcome this feed back and want to make everything that we do as a chapter reflect the great family that we have in the GWRRA !!!



We also want to announce that we have a new Goody Store Keeper. Most of you have met her over the past year and she is very enthused about the GWRRA and the great things that the group has brought to her. Our former Keeper and current Asst. Director in our Chapter Curtis Atkins will be showing her the ropes over the next month or two. If there is anything that you need or would like to see from her shoot her an email and welcome her into her new position!!

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