

Georgia Chapter "S"

Winder, GA

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Georgia District



Chapter S

Chapter Gathering: 1st Tuesday of every month, 7:00 PM, Golden Corral, Winder, Georgia
Next Chapter Gathering: Tuesday Mar 7, 2017

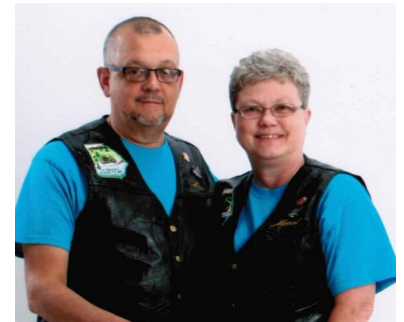
CD's Corner

Can you believe we are already into February? This is a busy and exciting time for us in Chapter S. February marks our chapter fun day. What does that mean? That means we host our annual event for others chapters to come, have fun, play games, eat great food and laugh with our fellow riders. How can you help? Aside from the setup and clean up duties, when you arrive at Fun Day, make a point to walk about and talk with other chapters. Say hi to not only your friends, but say hi to those friends you just have not met yet. Also, remember to congratulate any visiting couples of the year. They are the heart and souls of the chapters.

Chapter S has lots of events scheduled for this year. Always check and double check the webpage as things may change at the last moment. Now is the time to make your hotel arrangements for events that may be months away. Think about attending different rallies, such as Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Alabama. In addition, Joe and I plan to attend chapter gatherings throughout the state, so, you could join us for a great ride.

The point of GWRRA is to have fun with people that love to ride. Joe and I are always open to suggestions of fun things to do or fun places to go. We have also been getting calls from folks that used to belong to Chapter S but for various reasons have not been able to participate recently. Please welcome them back. Also, keep our members who are under the weather in your thoughts.

Ride safe and Ride often.
Janel Piper, Chapter Director
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Larry & Jean Bernius
2017 Chapter S
Couple of the Year



Glenn Wisdom
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Members Needing Thoughts & Prayers

Bob Desjardin-back surgery
 Don Taylor- bone marrow transplant
 Gloria Farabaugh- continued healing
 Gary Verhulst-continued healing

Rides & Events



New Year's Day Ride



Chilly Willy



Plaque Attack



Birthdays



2/6 Belva Smith
2/27 Janel Piper



2/16 Glenn Wisdom

Anniversaries

2/2 Jack & Gloria Farabaugh

2/12 Larry & Jean Bernius

Calendar of Events

Date	Event
2/7	Chapter Gathering, Golden Corral, Winder
2/11	Chapter S Fun Day, Winder
2/16	Dinner Ride, Crossroads, Flowery Branch
3/7	Chapter Gathering, Golden Corral, Winder

Rider Education:

MSF: Motorcycle Safety Foundation
(Excerpt from MSF webpage)

Are motorcycles safe?...or...I keep hearing scary statistics on motorcycle safety...or...How can I convince my spouse/parents/etc. That I'd be a safe motorcyclist?

Pure statistics do not tell the whole story of motorcycle safety. Generally speaking, motorcyclists—as well as bicyclist and pedestrians—are more vulnerable than other roadway users to injury in traffic collisions since they don't have the advantage of being cocooned with 3,000 pounds of steel.

That's why the Motorcycle Safety Foundation strongly encourages motorcyclists to minimize the risk by riding responsibly, wearing protective gear, taking a hands-on rider training course, getting licensed, riding within your personal limits, and riding free of alcohol or other drugs (note that 31 percent of motorcyclist who died in crashes were impaired). In our Rider Courses and

in our safety publications, we stress the need to learn and use effective mental strategies such as SEE: Search, Evaluate, Execute. This strategy helps riders manage risk by detecting and avoiding potentially hazardous traffic situations. Some riders also use the strategy of assuming they're invisible to other motorists, because other motorists may not be on the lookout for motorcycles.

Wearing brightly colored protective apparel helps increase visibility, and frequent inspection of the motorcycle helps decrease the likelihood of a crash due to mechanical failure. The maneuverability and small size of a motorcycle can be used in some situations to avoid crashes. While there are many steps a motorcyclist can take to reduce risk, it can never be eliminated. More than 9,000,000 American motorcyclists enjoy the sport, and the trend is that more and more people are turning to motorcycles as a practical, efficient and enjoyable form of personal transportation. If you haven't ridden before, we sug-

gest that you and your spouse/parent/whoever take our Basic Rider Course and use that as a basis for discussion of the risks and rewards of motorcycling, before making a decision to purchase a motorcycle.



Headlight Modulators:

The MSF has not taken an official position on headlight modulators. We do support methods of increasing conspicuity that are acceptable within state's statutory regulations. Modulators have been shown to be as effective as high-beam headlights use.

Jimmy and Winona Atkinson
Rider Educators

Membership Enhancement:

My article may be a few months out of date, but Two Thousand and Sixteen was a good year for the Southern Wings, in so many ways – excellent rides taken, wonderful meals shared, and a lot of old fashioned comradery. There were some times of sadness as well, as we bid farewell to some awesome fellow riders on their last ride. They will be missed, but they will always be in our hearts. Now we look forward to 2017 and I can't help but get excited about the rides and events we have planned for this year! We'll be riding into the

swamp and into the mountains! We have our ever-popular Sweetheart Fun Day coming up next week and lots of dinner rides to tasty places all around the area on tap. There will also be a rare total eclipse of the sun in the northeast Georgia mountains that will make for a great day ride, so I hope that you are ready to join in with your fellow Chapter S members in a year of fun, food and fellowship.

Ken & Traci
GWRRA, GA-S
Membership Enhancement Coordinator



Ken & Traci Thrasher
Membership Enhancement Coordinator

Goofy's Scorecard—2017

Jan: Vance—for putting the wrong MEC article in the newsletter

*Look who I've
been playing
with!!*



*"I Love to
Ride"*

Goofy's Adventures

Hi Everybody,

I stayed at the Oakes house this last month. Those 2 people are very busy all the time, what with their GWRRA District duties and the work they do with CERT.

So, I didn't do very much except sit around waiting for them to get home from one function after another. Vance did take me to the Chapter Dinner at Little Italy in Winder. He got the lasagna and let me try some. It was delicious!

He took me to Chilly Willy at Buckner's, but he was so busy he thought I might get stepped on, so I had to sit in the car.

Vance went to a 2-day training class for CERT the last weekend of the month, so he didn't go to the Plaque Attack. I'm really glad that Chapter S, with Chapter T's help, was able to capture the plaque so they will be able to give it away at the Fun Day next month.

Well that's all for now. I can hardly wait to see who I get to go home with next month. Maybe I'll get to do some riding.

Your Friend,
Goofy



Tidbits from the Brok...en Bit Shop – Switches and Things for Your Wings, Part IV

Last month I described an easy method of restoring the function of a failed clutch switch. However, the starter circuits are much more complicated than I implied. The clutch switch is only one of many components involved in completing a ground path to operate one of the relays that can supply power to the starter motor. For instance, consider the following situation:

Your bike is in low gear and parked on the kickstand in a restaurant parking lot on a cold winter day. You are standing beside the bike chatting with a friend who is also about to depart and you reach across the bike to turn the ignition switch on and push the starter button in an effort to warm up the engine. What happens? Well, nothing should happen because Honda incorporated a number of safety devices that prevent us from accidentally driving the motorcycle off the stand in a situation like that. If the bike is in gear with the clutch engaged, the kickstand must be up to create a ground path for the starter relay (one of them), and that is where the kickstand switch comes into the picture. If you want to start the bike in gear, you must both squeeze the clutch and put the stand up.

In short, Honda wants us to be on the bike with stand up before starting it in gear. That neat little switch on the kickstand has probably eliminated a few mishaps over time. You will find it on the kickstand near the pivot point, way down there in the dirt and grime, but I won't bore you with details about how to clean it since we have already discussed methods for servicing switches. Instead, let's have a cursory look at some of the other starter circuit complications that operate along with the clutch and kickstand switching circuits.

Recall here that your 1800's have a totally electric reverse mechanism and that the starter motor provides the reverse thrust. Now assume you are leaving that same parking lot above, but managed to accidentally drag your winter coat sleeve or heavy glove cuff across the reverse engagement button locking it in when you got off the bike earlier (but didn't notice). Now, you turn on the ignition as before and push the start button. What happens? Well, nothing should happen. Would you really want the delicate reverse mechanism to engage and break trying to drag the kickstand along while plowing a grove in the asphalt? I think not. Once again, the Honda engineers saved us from catastrophe, but only at the expense of some complicated starter circuits.

Actually, those circuits aren't real difficult to troubleshoot if one has a full set of schematics and some simple test equipment available. Unfortunately, that does not mean a full description can be given here. After all, Honda's shop manual weighs in at about 25 pounds and it is printed on thin paper and uses fine print. I'll just try to outline some of the components and complications involved in the circuits in hopes that will help if you ever have starting troubles.

There are a number of ways the starter relays can send current to the starter motor, and the following is a list of components that may, or may not, be involved in the various situations where you might push the starter switch and expect something to happen:

- An adequately charged battery (Never overlook the simple things.)

- Relays (There are several including: Power Control Relays 1 and 2, Starter Switch Relays A and B, Reverse Relay, and Reverse Shift Relays 1, 2 and 3, and the Tail Relay. Most are located in the Relay Box under the rear seat.)

- Switches (There are several including: Engine Stop Switch, Starter / Reverse Switch, Reverse Shift Switch, Clutch Switch, Sidestand Switch, and Gear Position Sensor Switch.)

- Reverse Regulator Assembly (Contains 6 diodes to direct current flow.)

- Reverse Shift Actuator

- Cruise / Reverse Control Module

- Fuse Box (Another simple thing not to overlook.)

- A lot of wires and connectors and ground points.

I know this list isn't very useful in itself, but I hope it does serve to illustrate the complications involved. Perhaps it will also help make the point that a little time spent defining what functions are, or are not, occurring as intended is a good place to start investigating a problem. Carefully checking the bike's responses to various situations is an excellent first step in trouble shooting a starter problem before one starts blindly removing plastic and parts. Having done the function checks and made notes, a good second step is to spend some time studying wiring diagrams before running tests or taking the bike apart. The odds are pretty good that some preparation time spent at the desk will pay major dividends and save much work on the bike later. You have all heard the old adage, "Plan your work, and work your plan". It certainly applies here, especially when the shop floor is cold.

And by the way, even though the circuits are complicated, the common fixes may not necessarily be. Jacket sleeve snap straps (mine at least) are rather famous for inadvertently bumping the engine stop switch when climbing off the bike, and we have already discussed the ways the clutch and sidestand switches can cause problems and be easily repaired. Often it isn't necessary to deal with all the complicated stuff above. Keep the faith and check the easy things first. The switches I have focused on are the ones that live out in the weather and are at greatest risk.



Just for Fun - Test Your Skills

Pizza

Find and circle all of the pizza ingredients and toppings that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining letters spell four additional pizza toppings.

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| BACON | GARLIC | MUSHROOMS | SAUSAGE |
| BANANA PEPPERS | GOAT CHEESE | OLIVE OIL | SHRIMP |
| BASIL | GOUDA | ONIONS | SPINACH |
| BELL PEPPERS | GREEN OLIVES | OYSTERS | TOMATO SAUCE |
| BLACK OLIVES | GROUND BEEF | PARMESAN | TOMATOES |
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2017 Schedule of Events

- 3/7 Chapter Gathering, Golden Corral, Winder
 3/11 Chapter Ride, Chop House, Madison
 3/16 Dinner Ride, Milo's, Monroe
 3/23—25 FL District Rally, Orlando
 4/1 CPR/First Aid Class
 4/4 Chapter Gathering, Golden Corral, Winder
 4/6—7 Beach Boys Concert, Franklin, NC
 4/8 Chapter T Fun Day, Commerce
 4/12 Dinner Ride, Blazer's, Statham
 4/20—22 TN District Rally, Pigeon Forge
 4/29 Fragile Children Family Fun Ride, Milledgeville
 5/2 Chapter Gathering, Golden Corral, Winder
 5/6—7 SC District Rally, Beaufort
 5/11 Dinner Ride, El Centinela, Winder
 5/18—20 AL District Rally, Mobile
 5/27—29 Memorial Day Ride, Okefenokee Swamp
 6/6 Chapter Gathering, Golden Corral, Winder
 6/17 Breakfast Ride, Yesterday Café, Rutledge
 6/22—24 GA District Rally, Dalton
 6/29 Dinner Ride, Oyster Bay, Lawrenceville
 7/6 Dinner Ride, Visit Chapter T, Ryan's, Athens
 7/11 Chapter Gathering, Golden Corral, Winder
 7/22 Chapter Ride, Buckeye's, Jersey
 8/1 Chapter Gathering, Golden Corral, Winder
 8/12 Breakfast Ride, Fender's Diner, Cornelia
 8/17 Dinner Ride, Blind Pig Tavern, Athens
 8/21 Solar Eclipse Ride, Northeast GA
 8/30—9/3 Wing Ding, Grapevine, TX
 9/5 Chapter Gathering, Golden Corral, Winder
 9/16 Lunch Ride, Whistle Stop Café, Juliette
 9/21 Dinner Ride, Hot Rods Diner, Social Circle
 9/28—30 NC District Rally, Waynesville, NC
 9/30 Chapter A Fun Day, Stockbridge
 10/3 Chapter Gathering, Golden Corral, Winder
 10/10 Dinner Ride, Fatz, Winder
 10/20—22 Fall Leaf Ride, Little Switzerland, NC
 10/26—28 Region A Rally, Eufaula, AL
 11/7 Chapter Gathering, Golden Corral, Winder
 11/16 Dinner Ride, Bone Island Grill, Athens
Note: No Chapter Gathering in December
 12/2 Salvation Army Toy Ride, Cycle World, Athens
 12/9 Christmas Party, Winder Woman's Club

District News

The Plaque was offered by Chapter A. Chapter S captured it and will offer it at their Fun Day on Feb 11.

Here is a link to a medical information card you can print out and carry with you:

<http://www.medids.com/free-id.php#.VsnDEfHnWi4>

Puzzle Solution:

ANCHOVIES CHICKEN MEATBALLS
PINEAPPLE

Just a few quick notes:

A quick reminder about door prizes. As a member, the chapter depends on you to donate door prizes the month of your birthday and the month of your anniversary. This helps to supplement the few door prizes that the chapter purchases. Your door prize contribution is very much appreciated.

If you have gone on any fun rides please send pictures and/or articles to Vance via email and we will include in our monthly Newsletter and/or our website.