

BAMA WINGS

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**Come Join OUR
Great Friday Night Meals**

**Next Meeting
April 7, 2017
Front Porch Restaurant
Highway 43N
Northport, AL
6:00 to eat; 7:00 to meet**

Chapter J Traditions

Danny & Rayma Mullenix

Greg & Sally Murphy

Roy & Diane Beall x2

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Baxter & Wanda Pate

Van & Peggy Kelly

Larry & Pat Davis x2

JR & Betty MaHarrey

Marshall & Sue Small

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Membership Anniversary

Larry Skelton 4/2014

Director's Corner



Hello Chapter J! The April calendar is out. You can view it on line at bamawings.org. We have several rides and a campout scheduled in April. But first, let's finish with March. We have a great ride on Thursday, March 30, to the Irondale Café in Irondale, AL. The annual 40 to Phoenix ride will stop in Birmingham and spend the day at the Barbers Motor Sports Museum. That evening, Chapters T and Y will host an evening dinner for all riders at the Irondale Café. Chapter J will leave from PNC Bank at 3:45 p.m. to ride up there for the dinner. On Friday, Greg Murphy, Lehman Jaggars, Buddy West and yours truly will leave from Tuscaloosa for the 40 to Phoenix ride. Our return home date is April 15th. I'm sure several of you will miss me dearly (Diane?)

Our next gathering is Friday, April 7, Front Porch Restaurant, eat 6:00 p.m., meet 7:00 p.m. Diane will lead the meeting while Greg and I are away.

The Alabama District Rally is May 18 - 20 in Mobile, AL. The host hotel is the Ashbury Hotel - 800-752-0398. If you plan to camp, a few of us are staying at All About Relaxing RV - 251-375-0661. There will be a \$7.50 per person charge for the Thursday evening meal. Please remember to check the box on the registration form and include your payment when you register. You may contact Sarah Leach if you have any questions about your registration. After the "40 to Phoenix" group returns home and rest the weary body, we will start our "STICOM Mania" skit practice. If you are interested in participating, please let Diane Beall know.

Remember our very own fund raiser is June 10, 2017, Brunch and Poker Run. We need your help. Please contact Diane Lewis to sign up to bring a breakfast dish and other delicious items. We will need volunteers for the poker run check points, games, registration, help with the food, etc. We will talk about the fund raiser at our monthly gatherings.

Don't forget to check out the calendar for April rides and events. Participation is the key for your Chapter's success.

My best, and ride safe,

Roy Beall
Senior Chapter Director



QUICK TIPS

PRETEND YOU ARE INVISIBLE

If you ride a motorcycle, you know that out on the road you might as well be transparent, because car drivers often look right past you. They might notice the car or truck behind you, but you, in all your "narrowness," may not register in the visual cortex of even the most alert drivers.

That's why an oncoming car driver might turn left in front of you at an intersection.



Reality



...and what the driver sees

That's also why a driver in the next lane, even if they turn and look in your direction before changing lanes, might veer into your lane.



Reality



...and what the driver sees

Sadly, drivers might behave this way even when they're not distracted by their cell phone, GPS, satellite radio, or other form of in-car infotainment. So how do you compensate for being "invisible" to drivers?

Be as conspicuous as possible. Wear bright clothing and a light-colored helmet. Always have your headlight on, and use your high beam or an aftermarket headlight modulator during the day (where allowed).

Take an approved rider training course. Learn how to maneuver your motorcycle in normal and emergency situations, and practice braking and swerving maneuvers often. Also understand that safe riding depends as much on the mental skills of awareness and judgment as it does on the physical skill of maneuvering the machine; respond early to possible hazards instead of having to react instantly to an emergency.

Pretend you're invisible. If you assume others on the road *can't* see you, and any car that *can* hit you *will* hit you, you will tend to ride in a hyper-aware mindset and learn to notice every detail in your surroundings. In other words, you will take extra responsibility for your safety and ride defensively. You will vary your speed and lane position to place yourself in the best spot on the road to avoid collisions, plan escape paths in case a driver violates your right-of-way, cover your brake controls to quicken your reactions, use your horn to alert a driver who doesn't notice you, and always ride within your limits.

CAR DRIVERS ONLY SEE WHAT THEY EXPECT TO SEE, AND MOST DON'T EXPECT YOU TO BE PART OF THE TRAFFIC MIX. RIDE WITH THE RIGHT SKILLS, STRATEGIES, AND ATTITUDE. BE SEEN - BE SAFE.

Calendar of Events

April - 2017

- 1, Sat - **Chapter Ride -- Chapter F & Z Cookout (10:00am-2:00pm)**
McGalliard Home, 919 Colurn Lane, Marbury, AL, With a stop at Peach Park afterwards-Leave PNC Bank, Skyland Blvd-7:45
- 2, Sun - **Chapter Ride -- This is not a lunch ride-Just a ride, but we may stop for ice cream-Leave PNC Bank at 1:30 (Tank Full, Belly Full, Bladder Empty)**
- 5, Wed - **Chapter Ride -- Lunch Ride-Jacks, Hwy 43,Northport-10:00am**
- 7, Fri - **Bama Wings gathering -- The Front Porch Restaurant, Hwy 43 north, Northport. Eat 6pm / Meet 7pm**
- 8, Sat - **Chapter Ride -- District Picnic at Confederate Memorial Park at Clanton, AL, Leave PNC Bank, Skyland Blvd-9:00am**
- 12, Wed - **Chapter Ride -- Lunch Ride-Jacks, Hwy 43,Northport-10:00am**
- 14, Fri - **Chapter Meal -- Anthony's Italian Kitchen, 1351 McFarland Blvd, Northport, AL-6:00pm**
- 19, Wed - **Chapter Ride -- Lunch Ride-Jacks, Hwy 43,Northport-10:00am**
- 21, Fri - **Chapter Activity -- Campout-Deerlick COE Campground April 21-23**
- 22, Sat - **Chapter Rider -- Cookout at Deerlick COE Campground-Ride-bring steak, and potato- PNC Bank-3:00pm**
- 26, Wed - **Chapter Ride -- Lunch Ride-Jacks, Hwy 43,Northport-10:00am**
- 28, Fri - **Chapter Meal -- Blue Plate, 450 McFarland Blvd, Northport, AL-6:00pm**
- 29, Sat - **Chapter Ride -- Chapter G Fun Day (10:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m.) \$12.00 Lowery Community Ctr, 20858 AL-52, Samson, AL PNC Bank 7:00 a.m.**

All times are 'kick stands up'. Come Hydrated, Bladders Empty, and Tanks Topped Off. If weather is fitting for a ride, call someone. Chances are they want to ride also

April - 2017

- 15, Sat - Sue Hendrix's Birthday
- 30, Sun - Janice Latham's Birthday