

BAMA WINGS

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Chilling at the Alabama District Rally with Ice Cream

**Next Meeting
June 2, 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

Jonny & Jean Koontz

Baxter & Wanda Pate

Van & Peggy Kelly

Larry & Pat Davis x2

JR & Betty MaHarrey

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Dwight & Judy Kizziah

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Membership Anniversary

Billy & Lisa Bagwell
June 2006

Director's Corner



Hello Everyone! This past weekend was the AL District Rally in Mobile. I would like to give a high-five to Roger Lucas for emceeding the talent contest at the rally. As always, Roger did a great job entertaining us. Everyone who attended the rally had a great time. It was good to spend time with friends from across the state.

I don't know about you, but for me, this year is going by fast. With June, just around the corner, I want to mention the upcoming June events. Our monthly gathering is June 2. On June 3, we will meet at PNC Bank 10:30 a.m. and ride to the AL Welcome Center I 20/59 E of the AL MS state line for MAD Motorcycle Awareness Day. Chapter J's start time is 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Chapter T will cover the a.m. shift. Afterwards, we will meet at Diamond Jim's Steakhouse for dinner with Chapter T, 5:00 p.m.

On Sunday, June 4, we have Circlewood Baptist Church's 7th Annual Biker Day (rain or shine) - meet at the church 9:30 a.m. for Bikers Welcome Fellowship (with breakfast snacks), 10:30 a.m. is the worship service, guest speaker Dr. J. Marcus Merritt, and 12:00 noon is lunch for all bikers. Everyone is invited, come on 2, 3 or 4 wheels.

June 10 is Chapter J's Brunch Poker Run. We have invited several chapters across the state to this event. This is for your chapter so please plan to come and be involved. We need your help to have a successful fun day. This event will be at my house, 13819 Wesley Chapel Dr., Ralph, AL 35480. We ask that you bring a breakfast dish/food, a door prize and plan to arrive 9:00 a.m. to help set up. The start time is 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. This is a perfect opportunity for the Chapter J family to come together and have fun.

Lastly, June 24 is a planned ride to the Southern Museum of Flight with lunch following at The Bright Star. This ride was recommended by the Chapter for places to go. There is a charge: \$7.00 general admission, \$6.00 senior admission. We will meet at PNC Bank, 9:00 a.m. to ride up by interstate and return home via Highway 216.

I believe I've covered everything on the calendar, but in case I've missed something, the calendar is part of this newsletter for your reference. I look forward to seeing you in June.

My best, and ride safe,
Roy Beall
Chapter Director

Rider Education



QUICK TIPS: Ten Things All Car & Truck Drivers Should Know About Motorcycles

1. Over half of all fatal motorcycle crashes involve another vehicle. Most of the time, the car or truck driver, not the motorcyclist, is at fault. There are a lot more cars and trucks than motorcycles on the road, and some drivers don't "recognize" a motorcycle – they ignore it (usually unintentionally).
2. Because of its narrow profile, a motorcycle can be easily hidden in a car's blind spots (door/roof pillars) or masked by objects or backgrounds outside a car (bushes, fences, bridges, etc). Take an extra moment to look for motorcycles, whether you're changing lanes or turning at intersections.
3. Because of its small size, a motorcycle may look farther away than it is. It may also be difficult to judge a motorcycle's speed. When checking traffic to turn at an intersection or into (or out of) a driveway, predict a motorcycle is closer than it looks.
4. Motorcyclists often slow by downshifting or merely rolling off the throttle, thus not activating the brake light. Allow more following distance, say 3 or 4 seconds.

At intersections, predict a motorcyclist may slow down without visual warning.

5. Motorcyclists often adjust position within a lane to be seen more easily and to minimize the effects of road debris, passing vehicles, and wind. Understand that motorcyclists adjust lane position for a purpose, not to be reckless or show off or to allow you to share the lane with them.
6. Turn signals on a motorcycle usually are not self-canceling, thus some riders (especially beginners) sometimes forget to turn them off after a turn or lane change. Make sure a motorcycle's signal is for real.
7. Maneuverability is one of a motorcycle's better characteristics, especially at slower speeds and with good road conditions, but don't expect a motorcyclist to always be able to dodge out of the way.
8. Stopping distance for motorcycles is nearly the same as for cars, but slippery pavement makes stopping quickly difficult. Allow more following distance behind a motorcycle because you can't always stop "on a dime."
9. When a motorcycle is in motion, see more than the motorcycle – see the person under the helmet, who could be your friend, neighbor, or relative.
10. If a driver crashes into a motorcyclist, bicyclist, or pedestrian and causes serious injury, the driver would likely never forgive himself/herself.

ALABAMA DISTRICT DIRECTORS

Greetings fellow riders, as this is written we have just completed, what we consider, as a very successful Alabama District Rally in Mobile. Until Saturday evening we had great weather, plenty of places to see and things to do. I talked to several of you who had taken time out to ride the beautiful gulf coast area during your time with us and everyone told me they had a great time and great ride. We started off things on Thursday with, what turned out to be, a great dinner. We tried something different with the serving line and, according to feedback we received, most everyone enjoyed it. The food was good but the time spent enjoying each other's company was even better. The costume contest that followed brought out all sorts of "new" charters and some old familiar ones. Friday brought our couple of the year selection. We had three GREAT couples with Bill and Vicki Cater being selected the 2017-2018 District Couple of the Year and Danny Baker selected as the 2017-2018 Individual of the Year. Congratulations to all of them. We know they will represent the Alabama District extremely well. There were lots of things to do during the day on Friday ending on Friday evening with our ice cream social and, what turned out to be, a great talent show. If you missed it you missed a treat. We won't go into details here but ask anyone who attended about Corporal Klinger and Dale Evans! Saturday was another great day with some really interesting seminars, games, chapter challenges and shirt contest, mascot, scrapbook, diorama, and windshield cover contest. Congratulations to all that participated. Closing ceremonies were touching in places as the District Team said goodbye to Max and Kathy Tanner along with Robert and Gail Brown. They had decided to step down for now to be with family and loved ones. We thank them for their service to the District Team and for their time and devotion to the members of the Alabama District. Replacing Max and Kathy are long time members and former District Team members, Ron and Corky Alexander. They will assume the duties of South Alabama Assistant District Directors. The announcement was also made about next year's rally. We are back in Mobile but at the Marriott Hotel on Airport Blvd. This is a beautiful, full service hotel that we think everyone will enjoy. You can begin to make reservations after June 1.

A great big THANK YOU to all who attended our rally this year and a really big THANK YOU to everyone who worked and helped put on this rally. Without all the worker bees we couldn't have a rally. THANK YOU. June is going to be a very busy month with events scheduled every weekend. Please check the district calendar for all the info. Please come out and support all the chapter functions coming up this month.

Please pray for all of our men and women in uniform (military and civilian) who work to keep us safe each and every day. When you see them out and about take a moment to say thank you, they will appreciate it. We hope to see all of you out on the road,

Frank and Linda Teasley

Birthdays and Anniversaries

June - 2017

15, Thu - Stanley Martin's Birthday

23, Fri - Goy & Kathy Giles' Anniversaries

Calendar of Events

June - 2017

- 2, Fri - **Bama Wings gathering -- The Front Porch Restaurant, Hwy 43 north, Northport. Eat 6pm / Meet 7pm**
- 3, Sat - **District Event -- Motorcycle Awareness Day, State Line Rest Stop, leave PNC Bank @10:30am. Meet Chapter T at Diamond Jims for dinner afterward (5:00pm)**
- 4, Sun - **Local Event -- Circlewood Baptist Church, 2201 Loop Rd, Tiscaloosa, AL meet at the church 9:00 a.m., Services start 9:30 a.m. Lunch provided.**
- 7, Wed - **Chapter Ride -- Lunch Ride-Hardee's HWY 82 W, Northport-10:00am**
- 9, Fri - **Chapter Meal -- Walton's Chicken, Inverness Parkway 6:00pm**
- 10, Sat - **Chapter Event -- Chapter Fun Day-Brunch and Poker Run-Roy & Diane Beall's house-9:00am for Chapter J Participants**
Chapter-J Funday -- 10am to 2pm (13819 Wesley Chapel Dr, Ralph, AL 35480)
- 14, Wed - **Chapter Ride -- Lunch Ride-Hardee's HWY 82 W, Northport-10:00am**
- 16, Fri - **Chapter Meal -- Shrimp Basket, McFarland Blvd-6:00**
- 21, Wed - **Chapter Ride -- Lunch Ride-Hardee's HWY 82 W, Northport-10:00am**
- 23, Fri - **Chapter Meal -- Dairy Queen, Northport, 6:00pm**
- 24, Sat - **Chapter Ride -- Southern Museum of Flight, Birmingham, \$7.00 general admission, \$6.00 senior admission Lunch following at The Bright Star in Bessemer Leave PNC Bank Skyland Blvd -9:00am**
- 28, Wed - **Chapter Ride -- Lunch Ride-Hardee's HWY 82 W, Northport-10:00am**
- 30, Fri - **Chapter Meal -- McAllister's Northport- 6:00**

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