

# BAMA WINGS

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## Taking Advantage of Great Weather in February

**Next Meeting  
March 3, 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

Marshall & Sue Small

Dwight & Judy Kizziah

Dewey & CJ Williams

### Membership Anniversary

Roy Graham 3/2005

Roy & Kathy Giles 3/2012

Doug & Mary Rhinehart 3/2014

Dan Texada 3/2016

## Director's Corner



Chapter J has two big events scheduled for 2017 and we need your help. Our first event is the Alabama District Rally, down in Mobile AL, May 18 - 20. The theme is SITCOM Mania. The host hotel is 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. There is a line on the registration form for this item to be included. If you are planning to attend the dinner, please be sure to include your money with your registration.

Now Chapter J's part at the Rally. As we have in the past, we will be assigned to work a couple of hours during the Rally. We've also had a few to say they want to participate in the talent show this year. Since we have an interest, if you would like to participate, please let Diane Beall know at the March Chapter Gathering. We will talk about the skit at that time too.

The second event is Chapter J's fund raiser on June 10, 2017. We need your help in the planning and assignments to make this event successful. We will have a brunch and poker run along with games. We will talk about this in detail at the March meeting. Diane Lewis will have a sign-up sheet for the food and other delicious items.

Remember to check the calendar out. We have several events on the calendar for March. Participation is the key to get the full benefit of being a Chapter Member. We've all heard the saying "You only get out what you put in."

My best, and ride safe,

Roy Beall  
Chapter Director

The following article is from the GWRRA website: “Give me 5” Monthly Chapter Talks Topics.

Enjoy your ride, ride safe, and remember the life you save could be your own!  
Roy and Diane Beall – Chapter J Rider Educators



### RIDER ED 'GIMME 5'

#### **TOPIC: How Are You Starting This Riding Season?**

Winter is finally gone, so let the riding season begin! Maybe you have recently taken a CPR/First Aid class or a seminar or two during this past off-season. This means you are better prepared to help in case one of your riding buddies has an accident or a health issue, or you are prepared to be a better co-rider. Now you are available to spend more time riding now that the season is here. Hopefully you have also taken time to make sure your motorcycle is ready to go, too. You may have done a T-CLOCS, or changed the oil, replaced worn tires, kept your battery charged, or discovered that you needed a new one and replaced it.

There are other things that you can do to be at your best out on the road, too. Many of us will be out on the road before MSF or GWRRA Rider Courses are offered. So what else can you do to get in the right frame of mind and tune up your skills right away? There are a few things you can do as an individual or in a group (such as with your fellow chapter members) to be prepared to ride safely and with skill before the season is even two weeks old.

First, you can practice your skills in an empty, quiet parking lot with smooth pavement that is free of loose gravel or sand. Find an empty church or a school parking lot, or some unused out-of-the-way space at a shopping center safely away from moving vehicles. Choose a time when it is unlikely to be busy, (e.g., a school lot on Sunday) as your safety is of the utmost importance. Work on braking, turning, curves, stopping while in a curve (remember to straighten the handlebars *before* braking!), and turning when pulling away from a stop. When you practice alone, always remain vigilant to vehicles encroaching on your space.

Second, how about participating in a Parking Lot Practice? Also referred to as a PLP, this is an activity that many Chapters hold at the chapter level. The exercises in a PLP are all spelled out in the Cornering Practice Guide along with tips to execute the skills correctly. Talk to your Chapter Educator about holding a Parking Lot Practice for your chapter, or if there is a Facilitated Parking Lot Practice scheduled near you.

Third, you can attend a Team Riding Seminar. This Rider Ed seminar is available for presentation at your chapter, and may be available at some District rallies. This seminar is particularly good to hold at your chapter because the folks who are normally part of your riding team can all hear the same Team Riding tips. Why would you sit through a Team Riding Seminar? One reason is because most of us ride to various places around the state with our riding friends. And if you know what to expect from the others in your group – your *team* – you will be more likely to trust them. You will trust them because you'll know they are all going to ride safely and predictably in a staggered formation. That is what the Team Riding Seminar provides you.

Getting back to the bike for a minute, if you have new tires on your bike for the new season, know that the tire manufacturers recommend that you take it easy on those tires for the first 50 – 100 miles. That means go easy in the curves and easy on acceleration to prevent slide-outs. The reason is because the surface of the tire will be slickest (slippery) when new. There are a couple of common explanations why, but the result is the same – reduced traction. The rubber will get scuffed and roughed up enough over that distance during normal riding and the tire's grip will improve. Be particularly careful with new tires on painted stripes and metal plates, and all surfaces that are slick even when your tires aren't.

Remember that practice in a parking lot, by yourself or with others, is good for all of us after the long off-season. It is even more beneficial and important if you recently bought a new or used motorcycle. Get to know that new-to-you bike and how it handles in a safe environment. After brushing up your skills, you'll be ready to go out and enjoy a safe riding season!

### Ride Smart & Be Safe!

Bruce & Melissa Thayer

Former MI Asst. District Rider Educators



March 12

## Calendar of Events

### March - 2017

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- 1, Wed - Chapter Ride -- Lunch Ride-Jacks, Hwy 43,Northport-10:00am
  - 3, Fri - Bama Wings gathering -- The Front Porch Restaurant, Hwy 43 north, Northport.  
Eat 6pm / Meet 7pm
  - 4, Sat - Chapter Ride -- Ezell's Fish Camp, Lavaca, AL-PNC Bank-10:00am
  - 5, 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)
  - 8, Wed - Chapter Ride -- Lunch Ride-Jacks, Hwy 43,Northport-10:00am
  - 10, Fri - Chapter Meal -- CookOut, 100 15th Street East-6:00
  - 11, Sat - Chapter Ride -- Chapter F & Z Cookout (10:00am-2:00pm) McGalliad Home, 919  
Colurn Lane, Marbury, AL-Leave PNC Bank, Skyland Blvd-7:45
  - 15, Wed - Chapter Ride -- Lunch Ride-Jacks, Hwy 43,Northport-10:00am
  - 17, Fri - Chapter Meal -- Zaxby's, Skyland Blvd Tuscaloosa, AL-6:00
  - 22, Wed - Chapter Ride -- Lunch Ride-Jacks, Hwy 43,Northport-10:00am
  - 24, Fri - Chapter Meal -- LaFeista Mexican Grill, 6521 Highway 69 South-6:00  
- Chapter Activity -- Campout-Jennings Ferry COE Campground March 24-26
  - 29, Wed - Chapter Ride -- Lunch Ride-Jacks, Hwy 43,Northport-10:00am
  - 30, Thu - District Event -- Host meal with riders of "40 to Phoenix"-Irondale Cafe, Irondale  
Al-PNC Bank Skyland Blvd-3:45pm
  - 31, Fri - Chapter Meal -- HWY 55 -3615 McFarland Blvd East Tuscaloosa, AL-6:00pm

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

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

### March - 2017

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- 2, Thu - Lehman & Kaye Jagger's Anniversary
  - 6, Mon - Billy Bagwell's Birthday
  - 16, Thu - Danny Mullenix's Birthday
  - 21, Tue - Mary Rhinehart' Birthday
  - 29, Wed - Larry & Diane Lewis's Anniversary  
- Roger & Helen Lucas' Anniversary