



Chapter J News

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Chapter J Meetings

[April 2018 Meeting](#)

Saturday, April 21, 2018
Daniels Steak House
Hiawassee, GA

[May 2018 Meeting](#)

Saturday, May 19, 2018
Daniels Steak House
Hiawassee, GA

We eat at 11:00 AM and meet at 12:00 PM

Happy
Anniversary
Anniversary

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

DAVID & JUDY HURD 04/20

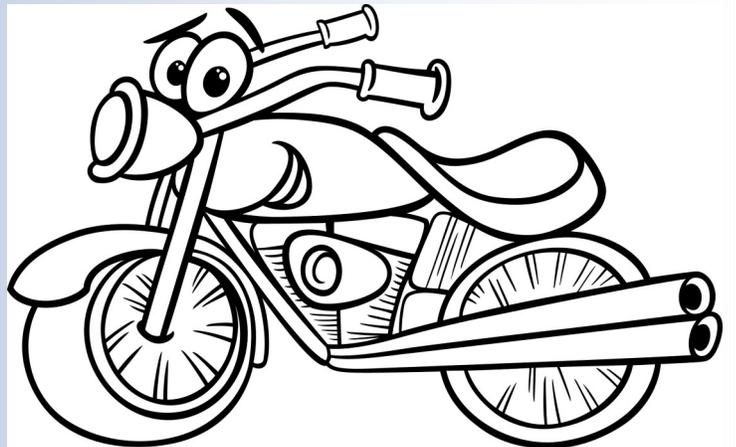
CAROL HENIGE 04/05

CARLTON DAVID & SANDRA LOWTHER 04/24

CAROLINE BAILLARGEON 04/10

Dave's Drivel:

'Til then, RIDE SAFE and KEEP IT BETWEEN THE
DITCHES.



Judy's Words of Wisdom

Just some thoughts as we see spring coming. The weather has been crazy, but some good riding weather was had. I hope that those that are able took advantage of it. I am still "healing" but hopefully will be able to ride again. I just want to cry when I see bikes out and I am not on one.

I hope that those of you going to Florida for the tall ships have a wonderful time. It should be great fun. For those that cannot go we will be having our Thursday night dinner. Y'all come on out and have some fun.

Judy

Congratulations Dennis & Sue

Chapter J's 2018 COY



Raffling this beautiful hand-made lap blanket.

Diane Schmidt donated this beautiful 46" x 46" new lap blanket to Chapter J. We are going to raffle it off at our Silent and Chinese Auction in April 2018. You may purchase tickets at our Silent and Chinese Auction.

Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.

Proceeds goes to the School Supplies Donation Fund.



Chapter J's Chili Feed Spring Event

Hello all,

Time to start thinking about what you'd like to make or buy to donate for our annual Chinese/Silent auctions to benefit the kids school supplies.

These supplies will go towards Towns and Union counties, kids who could use a little help. Mark your calendar for **April 7th at 6:00 PM**, this event is to be held at the Young Harris Community Center.

Please bring a salad or dessert and we'll have some fun!

Thanks, Sue



RIDE REPORT

Ride to 2018 Florida District Rally in Altamonte Springs, FL.

by Dennis Bible



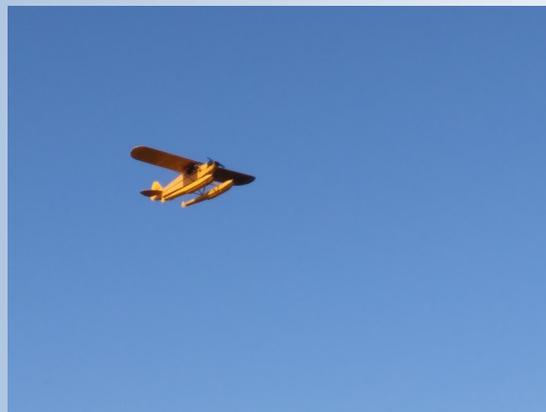
Thursday morning, March 22nd, Bill Schleicher and I rolled out of Blairsville at 9AM under clear skies and 28 degrees F. We were headed to the 2018 Florida District Rally in Altamonte Springs, FL. Bill was leading as I was on our new 2018 Goldwing Tour and wanting to devote as much attention to learning the bike as I could. We headed south on Hwy 129, intending to stay off the Interstates as long as

possible. We kept to Hwy 129 through Gainesville, Athens and Eatonton, then continued south on Hwy 441 through Dublin, McRae and Pearson, finally stopping for the night in Lake City, FL.

Friday morning saw us up and fed early and headed to Palatka, FL., via hwy 100, where we picked up "The Black Bear Trail" south through the Ocala National Forest (never did see a bear), then Hwy 40 east to Hwy 17 south to DeLand and eventually I-4 West (to avoid Orlando traffic) to the Rally Headquarters at the Altamonte Springs Hilton Hotel, arriving about noon. The place was a zoo as the Hilton had booked not only GWRRA but also a MG British Car Rally which took up 1/2 the parking. It took us 20 minutes to find parking for our bikes!

We found Chapter J members Nick & Sandy George right away along with Georgia District reps Larry & Pam Clemmer and Vance & Fern Oakes. We met up with a lot of old friends from various Florida and Tennessee Chapters too. Good to see all those folks! It didn't take long to shop through the indoor and outdoor vendors as much of the merchandise is consistent rally to rally and we've actually got most of the gear we need. I did pick up a summer riding jacket and some goodies for Sue. About 3PM we headed for our hotel and called it a day.

Saturday morning we were headed west on I-4 at 6AM to Winter Haven where we had booked a couple of hours of "dual time" in a J-3 Piper Cub on floats at the Jack Brown Seaplane Base.



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It was a perfect day to fly on the water and we got to test our "glassy water and rough water" take-off and landing skills! This brought back a lot of great memories from my bush flying days in Alaska! It was a new experience for Bill who has had a career of flying in high performance military aircraft but never on water (intentionally anyway)! It was a great experience and we were both pumped the rest of the day! Leaving the Seaplane Base about noon, we hit the Interstates and toll roads in order to get north quickly and spent Saturday night in Valdosta, GA., after an exhausting but fun 10 hour day of flying and riding!

Sunday morning we rolled out of Valdosta heading north on I-75 under an overcast sky at 60 degrees. The ride was uneventful until we rode into a cold front just south of Macon and the temperatures went from 68 to 42 in about 5 miles. Not being dressed for that cold, we suffered for 15 more miles to exit 149 and a Denny's Restaurant for breakfast. We were chilled to the bone! After breakfast, we suited up properly (with everything we had) and headed north to Macon to pick up Hwy 129 again. Here we encountered a cold rain at 44 degrees for about an hour and continued home staying on Hwy 129!

I want to especially thank Bill for leading most of the way which allowed me to explore not only the riding qualities of our new ride but also the audio, CB, navigation systems and the unfamiliar ergonomics of the bike.

Good ride! 1,300 plus miles, 4 days!

Dennis Bible





THE 2018 GOLDWING TOUR

My impression by Dennis Bible

A few weeks ago Chapter GA-J Newsletter Editor, Bill Schleicher, asked me to write an article about my impression of our recently purchased 2018 White Goldwing Tour M/T (manual transmission). In a word, it's DIFFERENT! Stu Oltman wrote a fine article about the new model for the January 2018 issue of WW listing the physical characteristics and features but they didn't let him ride one! There are a couple of articles in the April 2018 issue of WW including a ride report by JR & Anita Alkire. Rider Magazine has published a "Rider Comparo" in their April 2018 issue. All interesting reading from different angles! I will try not to cover the same ground they have but tell you what I have found after 6 weeks of riding and working on the bike.

Compared to the 2001-2017 GL1800, this bike is smaller, shorter and lighter (80lbs to 90lbs). I find the seat to be a bit lower. The thing starts with a "delayed explosion"! Must have something to do with the new combination alternator/starter. The new Hossack style, double wishbone front suspension is new to Honda. The bike steers very different from our GL1800's. It actually feels heavier and somewhat sluggish to me, especially at lower speeds. On the road the steering is very smooth, I watch the steering column jumping up and down as the suspension absorbs the irregularities of the road, but feel no jarring in the handlebars! Very smooth and little or no fatigue!

I selected the 6 speed manual transmission because I like to shift gears and I feel I have better control (I have not ridden the automatic version yet). It shifts butter smooth, no clunking, and that sixth gear really gives the bike longer legs! With this new longer stroke engine, the rpm's are very much lower. Shifting is done at lower rpm in all gears and there's plenty of low end torque. There is a very pleasant and noticeable throaty rumble from the headers/exhaust and maybe even the induction system. It almost sounds like a big V-twin when running at speed! Noisier and rougher at idle! Braking is very smooth and positive.

There are four shift on the fly Ride Modes. Sport, Tour (default), Econ & Rain. Tour is kind of "Ho-Hum" while Rain is downright "Sleepy" with Econ somewhere in between, but Sport.....they should have named it "Afterburner"! Select Sport and hang on! WOW! I do notice some excessive gear train backlash especially in Sport mode but I'm getting used to it now.

There are four suspension preload selections that can only be changed with the bike stopped. Rider, Rider + Gear, Rider + Rider and Rider + Rider + Gear! I can tell the difference depending on how the bike is loaded. Sue likes the ride and seating position better on this bike than the GL1800. (Whew.....that's a relief!)

Wind protection seems adequate and the adjustable windshield is great! Gas mileage is better, I saw 51.5 mpg average when running down those straight, flat, Florida back roads! Maximum range even with the smaller tank is about 275 miles (far more than my bladder).

The first thing I noticed when I picked the bike up at Southern Honda Power Sports in Chattanooga (I cannot say enough good about this dealership! They have been great!) was there is no place to plug in my headset! No 5 prong socket! The bike is all Bluetooth! I thought I would be able to die at a ripe old age without having to know anything about BLUETOOTH! Not so! And with that said, I'm going to end this article here. There's a whole lot more about this bike in Audio, Navigation, Bluetooth, CB system, Traction Control, etc. If you folks want to get into that next month (when I know more about it), let me or Bill know and maybe we can do a "Part #2"!

Summing up, I like the bike but it's a real challenge. Very DIFFERENT. I hope I'm up to the task!

Dennis Bible



For Sale: 2009 Honda GW CSC Trike

\$28,000

Franklin, NC

Considering selling due to way too many health issues.

CSC trike kit w/ground effects w/stone guard

38,321 Miles

Amsoil Synthetics, 6° Ezee Steer rake, Ah heck it's got LOTSA safety lights/chrome, Wing-Bling in 2016, Trailer Hitch, Wiring for Gerbing Heated Gloves (gloves included), Modular/Full Face DOT Yellow Bell Helmets Med & Lg w/ intercoms, Tulsa Tall w/vent + original w/s, Battery tender + extra battery, CSC Fender Bras.

We also have a matching Escapade trailer that goes with it. I will see if I can get a picture of that on here.



For Sale: 2005 Escapade Elite Trailer

Chrome Tongue with swivel coupler, spoiler with auxiliary brake light, black vinyl front stone shield, tongue mounted 34 quart cooler with cover, complete carpet kit, dome light, mud flaps with escapade logo, aluminum 5 spoke wheel/tire set, spare tire - white steel wheel/tire. Asking \$2500.00 OBRO.

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April 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 CH-J Chili Feed
8	9	10	11	12 Comfort Grub	13	14
Pensacola, FL Tall Ships						
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 J's Monthly Gathering
Pensacola, FL Tall Ships						
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

May 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10 Dinner TBD	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 J's Monthly Gathering
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		