

Chapter J News

Hiawassee, GA

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July 2019

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Chapter J Meetings

July 2019 Meeting

Saturday, July 20, 2019

Daniels Steak House

Hiawassee, GA

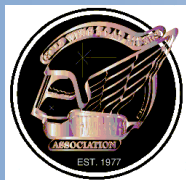
August 2019 Meeting

Saturday, August 17, 2019

Daniels Steak House

Hiawassee, GA

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



From Your CD(s)

Hello Fellow Members,

We have enjoyed several great rides already this year and are looking forward to many more this Summer and Fall. Our progressive dinner ride is coming up in July and I'm sure that will be a hit as always.



We are pleased to report that the few members of Chapter J that have had recent health issues are back on the road and healthy once more.

On a personal note, Pam and I will be out of pocket over the next couple of months as we are expecting our daughter's first baby. Bob and Caroline will step up and be acting Chapter Directors while we are out. Please help to support them in any way they may need. A big "Thank you" to Bob and Caroline.

God Bless!

Dave and Pam

From Your ACD(s)



Event Coordinator's Report



2019 Chapter J Progressive Dinner

Hello everyone,

Once again we have our Progressive Dinner coming up and it's set for Saturday July 27th beginning at 3:00pm. Please bring an appetizer, salad and or dessert. A \$5.00 fee per person will go towards our main Chapter fundraiser which is collecting school supplies for children who otherwise could not afford to buy anything.

Carol and Fred Henige again will host the salad and appetizers at the Lakeside Village Clubhouse followed by Nick and Sandy George hosting the main course and wrapping it up at Dave and Diane Schmidt's home for desserts. I'll again send a signup list around for salads, appetizers and or desserts at our next gathering, please pay your \$5.00 to either Barb Schleicher or myself.

Also on the agenda for Saturday Oct 5th, beginning at 12:00 noon, we will have Pavilion #3 at Meek's Park reserved for our annual Chapter picnic. Fried chicken and iced tea will be supplied by the Chapter with all side dishes supplied by members so please keep those dates on your calendar and come join us for some fun times ahead!

Sue Bible

Activity Director

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Treasurer's Report



We will be accepting monetary donations and/or school supplies donations at the June and July, 2019 Chapter J gatherings. The school kids are counting on Chapter J to make it a great school year.

Barbara

Ride to Twin Dragons

Brevard, NC

by Roger LeRoy

The date was Tuesday, June 4, 2019, a day following some 10 days of 90 degrees or better and a day preceding a week of predicted rainy weather. Apparently, many of our Blue J's were anxious to ride as we gathered at the Citgo Station in Hiawassee we had ten bikes & trikes with 17 members and 2 guests.

Heading east out of Hiawassee, we soon became aware that the cloudy sky was keeping the temperature a cool 66 degrees. After traveling Hwy, 76 to Clayton, GA we took our first rest stop at the Shell station there. Many of the riders started putting on extra layers of clothing to stay warmer in the coldest day we had seen in a couple of weeks. Leaving Clayton, we took Warwoman Road east to Hwy. 28. Both of these roads are full of twisty curves. Riding through Highland, NC, we took Hwy. 64 east through Cashiers on our way to Brevard. This highway is lined with hundreds of Mountain Laurel bushes and many were in full bloom adding to the enjoyment of our ride. Our last rest stop before arriving at Twin Dragons was at the Sapphire Country Store and gas station in Sapphire Valley on Hwy. 64. No one shed any clothing layers as the temperature was staying in the mid 60's.

We arrived at the Twin Dragons restaurant about 12:45. They were crowded but we had two tables together for our group. Everyone enjoyed the meal and took advantage of the quantity available with none going away hungry.

Our return ride included Hwy. 106 out of Highland, Wolffork Rd., Blue Ridge Gap Rd. and Persimmon Creek Rd. taking us to Hwy. 76 and home. The sun finally broke through the cloud layer and we were much warmer with temperatures in the high 70's.

Fun ride, ideal riding conditions, friendly group with lots of smiles and 230 miles.

Roger LeRoy

Ride Report

Fontana Dam Ride, 6/12/19

by Dennis Bible

Once every 5 to 10 years, TVA performs an "Emergency Release" at Fontana Dam (highest Dam East of the Rockies) in the beautiful Mountains of North Carolina.

We rolled out of the Blairsville Marathon at 09:00 under overcast skies and 65 (cool) degrees. Heading North on US 129 to Topton, then down the Nantahala Gorge on US 19/74, we picked up Hwy 28 North for the last leg to Fontana Dam. The spillways were open and the torrents of water falling into those giant concrete tunnels was dizzying enough to make a person hold tight on the handrails to keep from being drawn into the abyss like a moth to a flame! There was not enough volume being released to create the famous and spectacular plume downstream from the Dam, but it was still awesome. The visitor center at the Dam is always interesting and the volunteers there are very friendly and helpful.

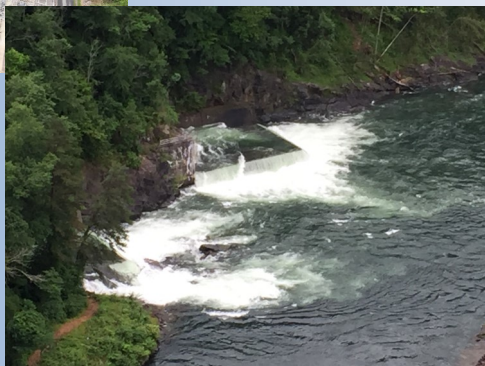
Leaving the Dam, we continued on Hwy 28 along the enchanting Little Tennessee River and Cheoah Lake to the Deals Gap where we got a group picture under the "Tree Of Shame". There must be a couple thousand bent motorcycle parts hanging on that poor tree!

From there we picked up US 129 for the 2 1/2 mile ride that crosses below the Cheoah Dam (Fugitive Movie Set) to the Tapoco Lodge for lunch. Following lunch and an inspection of the Lodge, we headed South US 129 for home. The weather had warmed up to about 75 degrees and the skies opened up too.

7 bikes/trikes, one 4 wheeler and 11 riders. 175 miles, 7 hours. I led and Bob Belargeon served as "Tail Gunner".

Beautiful trip, beautiful day!

Dennis Bible



Ride Report to Riverside Grill

By Sandy & Gordon Tomb

6/22/19

Our ride on Saturday, 6/22/19 to Riverside Grill was a small but fun group consisting of Sue & Dennis, Sandy and I. We headed West on Old Blue Ridge highway to Rt 60 then South to Suches passing Two Wheel's of Suches.

Suddenly out of the beautiful atmosphere comes Mel. He heard of the ride from Candice and had been traveling behind us and caught up with us at Two Wheels. The marry five proceeded South to Rt. 19 and East to Turners Corners. The new Restaurant Riverside Grill, was nicely remodeled with good food but Questionable service. Having been open for 3 weeks we feel confident it will get better.

We will try it again.

Sandy& Gordon

July 2019 Happenings

July 11, 2019—**THURSDAY** Night Dinner, River Valley Brewery, Hayesville, NC

(We are back to Thursday's)

July 20, 2019—Chapter J's Monthly Meeting

For last minute rides or information, please check GA Chapter J website.

<http://www.chapterj.gwrra-ga.com/>

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Ga.j.newsletter@gmail.com

Chapter J Store

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