

# Chapter J News

Hiawassee, GA

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November 2019

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## Chapter J Meetings

November 2019 Meeting

Saturday, November 16, 2019

Daniels Steak House

Hiawassee, GA

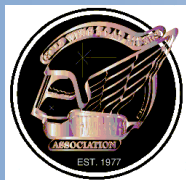
December 2019 Meeting

Chapter J Christmas Party

Will be our December

Meeting

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



## Event Coordinator's Report

### Chapter J's Annual Picnic



I just wanted to thank everyone for making our Chapter J Picnic a success. We had approximately 34 people show up with salads and desserts! Thank you Fred and Carol for bringing your game again and a big thank you to Barb and Bill Schleicher for all that you both do to help make all of these activities a success ( I could not do this without you.) Aside from being a breezy day and holding down our Bingo cards all went well with plenty of food to be enjoyed by all.



## Treasurer's Report



### **Chapter J Christmas Donations**

Chapter J will again be donating money to Union County's "Shop with a Cop" and Towns County's "Empty Stocking Fund".

The "Shop with a Cop" is where Police Officers, First Responders and employees from the Blairsville Police Department join members of the community during the Christmas season to take under-privileged children shopping with funds provided by the Community. The Union County Family Connection staff works closely with the Police Department in providing a list of families that are in need of assistance.

The "Empty Stocking Fund" takes proceeds and purchases gifts for underprivileged children in Towns County, children who might not receive Christmas gifts due to family financial hardships.

Donations will be accepted at the Chapter J Gathering on November 16, 2019 and also at the Chapter J Christmas party on December 6, 2019.

So far we have collected \$133.00. Last year we collected \$700.

A ride to present the money collected to both organizations will be announced.

Thanks to our Chapter J Members for your continued support.

### **SCHOOL SUPPLIES DONATION**

We received very nice Thank You letter/note from Union County and Towns County for Chapter J donations of school supplies. Thanks again to all who participated.



August 15th, 2019

Goldwing Motorcycle Club,

Union County Family Connection would like to thank you for your recent donation of school supplies for students. You have helped to supply basic needs for students to help them be more successful in school and eventually be active and contributing in our community. We appreciate you working with us so that we are able to further assist students and families.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Katy Jones". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Katy Jones  
Union County Family Connection Coordinator

on behalf of Towns County  
Family Connection, thank  
you for your generous  
donation of school supplies.  
we appreciate you so  
very much!  
Jay Rosser

again and again!

Chapter J Members having fun.





## **Ride Report**

### **2019 Ride To Remember**

**by Dennis Bible**

Sunday, September 8th, we met at the Blairsville Marathon Station for a 06:30 departure to Cycle World of Athens in Athens, GA. We were riding to join about 800 other bikers that were gathering there to ride in memory of the attack on September 11th, 2001. We were riding to remember and honor over three thousand Americans who died on that terrible day!

We arrived at the dealership about 08:30 and were in time this year to purchase souvenir "T" shirts that commemorate the occasion! Last year we got there too late to buy them as they had run out.

We left the dealership (kick stands up) at 10 AM. With that many bike/trikes it takes about 20 to 30 minutes to get everyone out in columns of two! We had law enforcement escort in front and back plus all intersections were blocked open by cops and fire fighters, we never stop. Local folks were parked along the roadside waving our American Flag and cheering us on. People in the opposite lane even stopped, got out of their vehicles and removed their hats, held their hands over their hearts, saluted.....an amazing show of patriotism and respect!

We wound around the local communities for about 2 hours before stopping in Cornelia for gas and a snack. Leaving Cornelia, all but one of us got separated from the main column. So we took a shortcut to Cleveland, GA., and finally caught up with the parade as we climbed Blood Mountain. From there we followed the group to the Copperhead Lodge in Blairsville where they hosted the entire group with a pulled pork BBQ sandwich lunch.

As I rode with this great group of fellow bikers and saw the love and emotion coming from the crowds, I couldn't help but to reflect and remember what happened on that awful day 18 years ago. I'm proud to have done this ride for four years now and find it humbling and emotional. I plan to do it again in 2020! Come join me!

Eight bikes/trikes, 9 riders, about 8 hours & 250 miles!

Dennis Bible



## **Ride Report**

### **Indiana Chapter "0", Evansville, IN.**

#### **Guest Escort Ride**

**by Dennis Bible**

I was contacted by Kathy Friedman of IN, Chapter "0" of Evansville, IN., about September 16th. They ride to Maggie Valley about this time every year to spend a week or so riding in our beautiful mountains! Kathy asked if "we would meet them at the Twin Dragons Chinese Buffet in Brevard, NC on Wednesday, 9/25, for lunch. Then would we like to lead them on a site seeing ride after lunch". We've done this several times in the past and Chapter IN-O is always a pleasure to ride with! We like to eat at that restaurant several times a year and this was as good an excuse as any!

Our Chapter members met at the Young Harris CITGO Station for an 08:30 departure. We headed out east on SR 76, then took the shortcut thru Persimmon Valley to Dillard, GA. There we connected with Route 106 for the climb up the mountain to Highlands, NC., where we picked up SR 64 to Brevard, NC.

We met the Indiana Chapter at the restaurant right at the appointed time of 11:30 AM for lunch. Following lunch we led out west to Lake Toxaway where we picked up curvy and winding Route 281 through the mountains to Route 107, then to SR 74 to Bryson City. Rolling through Bryson City, we found the "Road To Nowhere" and rode the 8 miles to the parking lot at the tunnel. Several of us grabbed our flashlights and walked thru the 1,200' tunnel to the far end where the road ends about 100 yards past the tunnel exit. There's quite a story about how this road was never completed to fulfill its original purpose and there are a lot of Swain county residents that still hold very hard feelings against the Government for what they consider a betrayal of a promise!

After the tunnel walk, everyone had get-home-itis, so we bid our Indiana friends a fond farewell as they headed for Maggie Valley, and we headed for home. We'll probably hear from them again next year so start thinking of where we could take them next year!

4 GA-J bikes/trikes, 7 members, about 14 IN-O bikes trikes and 25 members, 250 miles and 10 hours!

Dennis Bible

## September 2019 Happenings

November 14, 2019—**THURSDAY** Night Dinner, Comfort Grub, Murphy, NC

November 16, 2019—Chapter J's Monthly Meeting

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

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

Please send Newsletter articles to:

[Ga.j.newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:Ga.j.newsletter@gmail.com)

### Chapter J Store

Need some GWRRRA or Chapter J styling on your bikes, your vests and/or your chapter shirts? Chapter J has flags, patches and pins for sale.

Blue J Flag with Mounting Kit	\$ 5.00
Mountain Blue J Patch	\$ 3.00
Mountain Blue J Pin	\$ 3.00
GWRRRA Gold and Black Round Patch (small)	\$ 5.00
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