

Chapter J News

Hiawassee, GA

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October 2021

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Chapter J Meetings

October 2021

Saturday, October 16, 2021

Chapter J Picnic

George & Louise Danner's Pavilion

November 2021

Saturday, November 20, 2021

Daniels Steak House

Hiawassee, GA

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



Chapter J's Directors

Reminder that the October 2021 meeting will be in conjunction with CH-J's annual picnic. This year the picnic will be held at George and Louise Danner's subdivision pavilion.

Chapter J Christmas Donations

This is our fifth year 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 Picnic on Saturday, October 16, the Meeting on Saturday, November 20 and the Chapter J Christmas party on Friday, December 3, 2021.

We collected a total of \$433.00 from our members last year so hopefully we will surpass that donation.

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

Thanks to our Chapter J Members for your continued support.

Cheers

B&B

Chapter J's Activities Coordinator

CHANGE IN CHAPTER J'S

OCTOBER 2021 PICNIC DATE AND LOCATION

Hello Everyone,

Our annual Ch-J's picnic is here. The chapter will be providing the fried chicken. Please contact me if you will be attending. If you are planning to attend, please bring either a Salad or Dessert.

Where: Pleasant Grove (George and Louise Danner's Subd)

When: October 16th

Time: 12:00 Noon

The pavilion's drive address is [787 Pleasant Grove Rd. Blairsville GA.](https://www.google.com/maps/place/787+Pleasant+Grove+Rd,+Blairsville,+GA,+30512/@34.8111111,-84.2555556,15z)

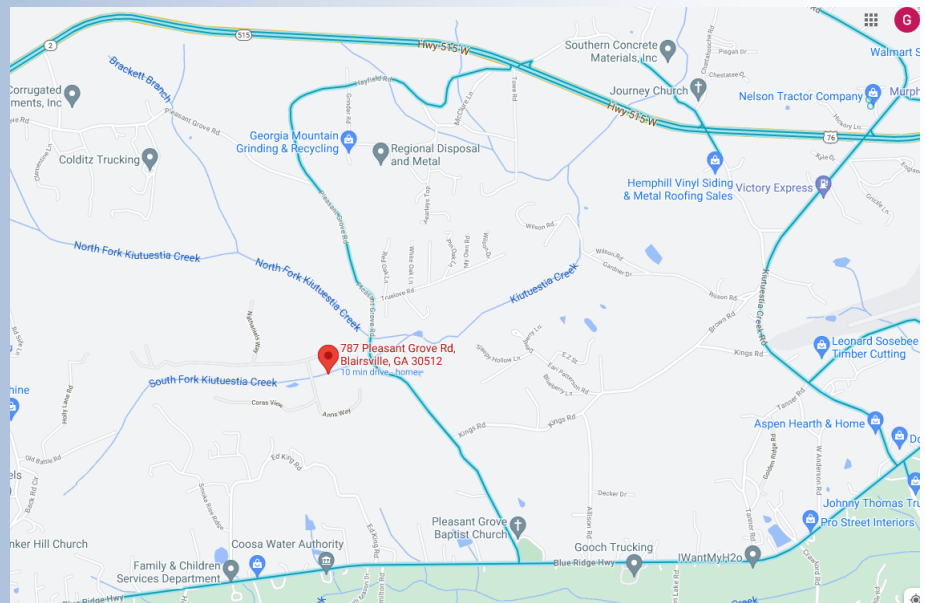
That address works for Google & Bing Maps & Android phones. Not sure of I-Phones or any GPSes.

View of 787 Pleasant Grove Rd entrance gate from Google Maps:

Thank you everyone,

Sue

Cell 706 400-2675



September 8, 2021 Lunch ride to Twin Dragons, Brevard, NC

RIDE BETWEEN THE CLOUDS

On Wednesday, September 8, 2021, we had 17 Blue J's on 12 bikes meet at the Citgo in Young Harris. It was a beautiful morning with sunny skies and weather forecasts showing rain later in the day.

We rode out at 10:00 AM and proceeded onto Hwy. 76 heading for Clayton, GA. Bill & Barbara Schleicher were our tail gunners and kept the group looking especially good throughout our ride. In Clayton, we stopped at the BP gas station for a break and first pit-stop.

Leaving Clayton, we got onto Warwoman Road heading toward Highlands, North Carolina. Warwoman Road and Hwy. 28, each with very little traffic, were especially inspiring to get us in the mood for the rousing ride ahead on Hwy. 64. Riding through Highlands and onto Hwy. 64, the group stayed closely together and headed for Cashiers, North Carolina. Traffic picked up noticeably as we rode eastward on Hwy. 64 and made it through Cashiers traffic maintaining our tight group assembly.

As we departed Cashiers, it was on this section of road that we started seeing some black clouds forming in the skies ahead of us. However, there were occasional sections with bright sunshine, so we rode fortunately eastward in the 80 degree perfect weather. Until, that is, we came to stopped construction traffic. With what turned out to be a paving crew working on the highway, we sat for over 20 minutes until moving ahead about a quarter of a mile and then stopping again for another 15 minutes.

Shortly after leaving the construction site, we heard thunder behind us. That got our attention, so with a check over the CB, we determined that no one needed another stop at our second planned pit-stop and continued on to Brevard, North Carolina and our destination. Just before getting into Brevard, we noticed a few rain drops collecting on the wind screen of the bikes.

We arrived at the Twin Dragons Restaurant about 1:30 PM. Everyone enjoyed the tremendous buffet they offer there. Some folks even partook of the sushi bar!

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As we left the restaurant into bright sunshine, but with black clouds showing to the south of us, we decided to avoid the construction back-up awaiting us if we were to return by way of Hwy. 64 and instead go north on Hwy. 276 toward Waynesville, NC. After a fuel stop for some of the bikes, we started north on Hwy. 276 and quickly saw the sign showing #276 was closed beyond the Blue Ridge Parkway. As we rode north and gaining elevation up to the BRP, we encountered a lot of areas where there was extensive storm damage. Trees down and road side wash-outs were evident. Even the Sliding Rock Park area was closed to the public. It was concluded that this damage was from the last tornado/tropical storm to have moved through the area.

Arriving at the BRP, we stopped at first scenic pull-off and took advantage of the photo-opportunity. (see photos) We also decided to proceed south on the Parkway to the Waynesville Exit onto Hwy. 74/23. The temperature was cooler on the Parkway, especially as we passed the highest elevation point showing us at 6033 feet. Black clouds were again appearing ahead as we followed the curving highway. The views were spectacular on both sides of the mountain ridge.

At our Exit onto Hwy. 74/23, also known as The Great Smokey Mountain Expressway, we continued west and took our last pit-stop at an Exxon gas station near Silva, NC. Some folks topped off their gas tank while others said their good-byes as they were leaving the group and heading toward their homes. The temperature was again back in the low 80's.

The rest of us turned south on Hwy. 23/441 heading toward Franklin, NC. Here we encountered areas of wet pavement. That meant we were following the rain storms sporadically showering the area. Riding by Franklin, we see the rain clouds ahead of us over the Franklin Mountain. But, as we rode over the Mountain, with the roadway wet from the recent rainfall, the clouds had moved away. Descending the Mountain, we got some sprinkles on our windshields.

With everyone headed for their homes, we were very thankful for a great day of riding.

250 MILES with 250 SMILES

Roger LeRoy

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September 29, 2021 Lunch ride to Lakes End Café & Grill



October 2021 Happenings

Thursday Night Dinner, October 14, 2021
So's Good Kitchen, 1221 US-64, Murphy, NC

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

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

For updates to GA-J's website, please email Dave Worsham.

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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
GA State County Patch	\$10.00
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