



# Chapter J News

**Hiwassee, GA**

**September 2018**

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**Chapter J Meetings**

September 2018 Meeting

**Saturday, September 15, 2018**

**Daniels Steak House**

**Hiwassee, GA**

  

October 2018 Meeting

**Saturday, October 20, 2018**

**Daniels Steak House**

**Hiwassee, GA**

  

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

## From Your CD (s)

Hello Fellow Riders,

Pam and I are thrilled to be your new Chapter Directors for the GWRRA Chapter J Club. While we are very new to the area and the Chapter, we are excited to partner with you on this journey and keep our Chapter in tact. We will need a lot of mentoring and guidance from everyone, and are always happy to hear any new ideas.

Pam and I have been married for 36 years this coming December and we have two children. We lived in Texas for 33 years and moved to Murphy, NC in 2015. We absolutely love the area and all the people here. What a wonderful place the Good Lord has moved us to.

We purchased our Gold Wing in 2012 and were members of a local chapter in Dallas, Texas until we moved in 2015. We finally found Chapter J and have been enjoying the friendships we have made. And of course, the rides have been awesome!

We are looking forward to many more enjoyable rides with the Chapter in the future.

Dave and Pam Worsham GA-J CD (s)



## From Your ACD (s)

We applaud Dave & Pam Worsham for standing up to lead and steer our Chapter. We look forward to working with Dave, Pam and our other staff members as they guide our Chapter through the future!

Dennis & Sue Bible Chapter GA-J ACD (s)



## Progressive Dinner Ride

Thank you all for making our Progressive Dinner a success and bringing your salads and desserts! Thank you Fred and Carol for arranging it so that we were able to use the beautiful Lakeside Village Club House once again even in the midst of having company yourselves, we appreciate you both for taking the time to put our salad destination together. Once again Nick and Sandy went out of their way to cook us a fantastic Cajun meal of Shrimp, Sausage and Chicken Gumbo, rice and green beans! It was delicious! Dave and Pam, we all enjoyed you giving us a tour of your beautiful home and providing a destination for the desserts. Your view was spectacular and it made a great ending to our day.



Sue Bible



Happy  
Anniversary  
Anniversary

HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY

WILLIAM & KATHY KRYDER 09/11

CONNIE OVERBAY 09/23

SANDRA SMITH 09/26

## School Supplies Donation

### Treasurer's Report

Chapter J had another great year for our annual fundraiser to purchase School Supplies for Towns and Union County Schools. Thanks to all Chapter J members who participated.



At the April 2018 Chinese and Silent Auctions, we made \$210.00 and also \$15.00 from the Lap Robe Raffle. Chapter J members donated \$468.88 at our May, June and July 2018 gatherings bringing the grand total to \$693.88 which exceeded last year's total of \$557.66.

Both Towns and Union Counties were very grateful to receive these donated school supplies. Towns County had their School Supply Bash the weekend of July 28 for students in need of help whereas Union Counties indicated they already had over 400 students registered in need.

Towns and Union Counties schools said they were very thankful that Chapter J continues to donate school supplies.

Barbara Schleicher



## Ride to Georgia Racing Hall of Fame

On Wednesday, July 25th we had one of our largest groups ride to Dawsonville, GA to the Georgia Racing Hall of Fame and Lunch. There were a total of 12 bikes & trikes with 20 Blue J's gathered at the Marathon station in Blairsville. The weather was cloudy and as we rode over Blood Mountain we encountered some light fog. But, on continuing south the clouds dispersed and the sun came out to make for ideal riding conditions.

We rode Hwy. 129 into Dahlonega, GA where we picked up Hwy. 9 taking us to Dawsonville and the Hall of Fame. Upon our arrival the attendant offered us a discounted entrance fee, so that greeting was good news for all. Everyone seemed to enjoy the many race cars, videos and hundreds of trophies displayed throughout the facility. The Elliot family (hometown Dawsonville) was highlighted with a timeline display revealing the history of the parents, siblings, aunts and uncles of Bill & Chase Elliot, both major participants in the NASCAR legend. Many of Bill Elliot's race cars were on display including one totally destroyed car wrecked during a race in Daytona. The car that he drove to win the first \$1M payout was present. A video highlighting the history of moonshine running that later led to the start of professional racing and then to NASCAR was very enlightening.

In the same building as the Hall of Fame is located a moonshine distillery. This presented an ideal meeting place following the tour of the museum. Also, while at the distillery a brief rainstorm hit the area, so spending a few more minutes in the distillery made sense to all. As soon as the rain stopped we walked some 200 yards across the business center to the Dawsonville Tavern for lunch. Here, we were offered a private room for our group but, with one waitress doing her best to take care of 20 people, it took nearly 2 hours to complete the meal. Everyone seemed to enjoy the food despite the long wait.

With some dark clouds threatening our area, we decided to head back to Blairsville. The only variation was to take a side road west of Dahlonega to avoid going through the city and contend with the traffic lights. We arrived back at our homes without encountering any rain.

Roger LeRoy



## **Ride to Tellico Plains, TN**

**July 28, 2018**

On Saturday, July 28th, Nestor & Iris Morin led us on a ride to the 'Bakery' in Tellico Plains for lunch. We had 8 bikes and 12 Blue J's enjoying one of the best weather days we have had in a long time. Leaving the Marathon Station in Blairsville we rode north on Hwy. 129 to Ranger, NC where we turned west on Hwy. 64 towards Tennessee. We managed to avoid any long delays going through the Ocoee Gorge as they were completing the highway paving project there.

After reaching Lake Ocoee, we turned north on Hwy. 30 which takes us to Reliance where we stopped for a short break along the Hiwassee River. Continuing north we crossed the River and rode on Hwy. 315 & Hwy. 39 into Tellico Plains and lunch at the Bakery.

After lunch, with the temperature close to 80 degrees, two of our group left to return home while Nestor led the rest of us on the picturesque River Road to Bald River Falls. With the falls running full from the recent rains, everyone got some great pictures of this close-up waterfall. Leaving the falls, three of our group decided to ride the Cherohala Parkway and three decided to head for home by way of Hwy. 68.

The ride on the Cherohala Parkway was ideal. With temperature at the 5000 foot level hitting a cool 66 degrees, and very little traffic, and beautiful blue skies, we actually welcomed the warmer temperature of the lower elevations. A necessary stop for ice cream in Robbinsville completed a perfect day of riding.

Roger LeRoy

## Ride To Tuckasegee Valley North Carolina

Wednesday, August 8th, 2018 started with bright sunshine as our group of Blue J's assembled at the Citgo Station in Hiawassee. We had 11 members and one guest riding on 8 bikes as we headed west out of Hiawassee with the weather getting warmer by the minute. Before reaching Clayton, GA on Hwy. 76, we turned onto Persimmon Road and rode along the Persimmon Creek with very little traffic to contend with. Winding through Rabun County on Wolffork Road, we crossed Hwy. 23 south of Dillard, GA and rode into North Carolina on Hwy. 106, passing over Scaly Mountain, into Highlands, NC. Here we picked up Hwy. 64 west and started looking for the elusive Ingles Store for a rest stop. Turns out that the store we are looking for is west of Cashiers, NC and not Highlands, NC as we imagined. So, now our well anticipated rest stop took place in Cashiers at the intersection of Hwy. 64 and Hwy. 107.

Hwy. 107 is the route we planned to take north out of Cashiers as it offers exciting views of Lake Glenville and the Tuckasegee River. Captivated by the scenery and the bright sunny skies, we missed the turn into the Jackson County Recreation Complex and found ourselves entering the village of Silva, NC. Realizing the mistake, we stopped and consulted the trusty GPS to find our picnic lunch location, so we returned to the pavilions at the Recreation Complex. Everyone agreed that it was a very tasty lunch and the price wasn't bad either. After lunch, as always occurs, folks start looking for the bathrooms. Ours was located about 50 feet from the covered lunch pavilion. However, it was discovered that they were closed. We tried the County office, and it was closed. That is when we were told that the County water system was being worked on and all facilities were closed for the day.

We learned of a gas station about one mile away on Hwy. 107. As we prepared to head for the gas station, black clouds appeared nearby and loud thunder interrupted our conversation. It was agreed by all that we would find the gas station then continue through Silva and Dillsboro, NC and take Hwy. 64 back through Franklin, NC to return home. This was in lieu of going by way of Ellijay Road, our intended scenic return route. Following our visit to the gas station, we decided to put on our rain jackets and prepare for riding in the rain. No sooner then 2 minutes from the gas station and we were riding in a light rain.

This let up as we rode through Silva and Dillsboro and headed south on Hwy. 64. Before reaching Franklin we were riding in heavy rain. All the way home, we were in and out of rain, some it a downpour, but never so much as to require putting on our rain suit trousers. Everyone made it home safely and declared it another fun day in the saddle.

Roger LeRoy



## Wing Fling 2018

This one's in the books. How do we explain? What is happening? This was the least attended rally in history. I know the weather was bad, but come on folks, these are our people. This is our chosen activity. Our club was represented by four people for the complete rally and three on Friday for a day of fun.

This was a really great rally. Everything was in a central location. Required a little walking, but no back and forward transportation needed. Thursday night's talent show was a hoot. The patriotic salute to the military was grand. Fun was had by all. Friday night's Elvis impersonator was the best I've ever seen. Closing ceremonies were well handled with the minimum of wasted time. Vendors were great, but I'm sure they were not impressed by the amount of our purchases.

Representation from surrounding states was good. They make the rally much more fun. The facilities helped by promoting togetherness in the central gathering hall. Instead of TV all week end there were card games, Yahtzee, and other board games.

Attendance was at around 178. This is bad for our state representation. We've got to help support the function if it's to continue.

Sandy George



## Ride to "Last Catch" Jasper, GA

August 15, 2018

Everyone met at the Blairsville Marathon station and had a good time greeting old friends. Dennis brought along his grand daughter, Carly from far off Reno. Thanks for joining us Carly, hope you had a good time! Nick arrived with a soft front tire so we sent him for air, and got ready to leave upon his return. When Nick arrived a short time later, we departed and had a nice ride through the countryside. Somewhere during the climb up Burnt Mountain Road, I rounded a corner to find a mother BEAR and her two cubs beginning to cross the road in front of me. I guess the encounter took us both by surprise because we hesitated for a second before reacting, me hitting the brakes and the C.B. transmit button to report the encounter and the bear family scurrying off the road and down the rather steep hill into the thick brush. Jill, was behind me, and Tom riding her back seat did say he thought he saw their little feet disappearing into the brush. Pretty cool, my first bear sighting since moving here.

We arrived pretty much right on time at the "FRESH CATCH" Restaurant in Jasper and had a great meal, With good service in our private room. The two waitresses ran around like crazy making sure we were all served and satisfied. No room for dessert though, so we headed outside and saddled up for the ride home.

The roads were good and traffic was light as we made our way through Dawsonville. Dennis and Carly turned off to meet Sue and others at Amicalola Falls and we continued to Dahlonega and onto Route 129. The ride up and over Blood Mountain was fast and fun as folks started splitting off to make their way home.

There were 19 Blue Jay's, 2 guests, and 13 bikes. We put on 130-ish miles, everyone was smiling.

I would like to thank everyone who came out and a big thanks to Roger for tail gunning and keeping us safe.

So keep an eye out for that next ride so you can join the fun.

Your Assistant Ride Coordinator,

FLATHEAD Fred



# Thunder Bay Ride Report

By Dennis Bible

Sunday morning, July 22nd! Bill Schleicher and I rolled out of the Gum Log Chevron at 06:00 headed North. Our target was Bay City, MI. 14 hours and 725 miles later we checked in at the Comfort Inn in Bay City. That Iron Butt run set us up for 2 days of more leisurely exploring along the shoreline drives of Lake Huron and Lake Michigan.

Day 2. We explored the east side of Michigan's Upper Peninsula's Lake Huron shoreline drive. About 1/2 way along that 200 mile scenic ride, I found the old Air Force Base Chapel at Oscoda, MI., where Sue & I had been married 56 years ago! That brought back some interesting if not emotional memories! Later we found a great place to get a Wall-eye lunch in Mackinaw City before crossing the Mackinaw Bridge. We rolled down Hwy #2, southwest toward Wisdom and found a quaint but clean "Mom & Pop" motel in Mantansique, MI., along the shoreline of Lake Michigan. There's an abundance of these locally owned motels all along the Great Lakes shorelines and they are a bargain!

Day 3 saw us continuing towards Oshkosh, WI., where we had reservations for 3 days at the annual EAA Fly In. Oshkosh is the big daddy of air shows. It lasts over a week, over 10,000 aircraft and over 100,000 people attend! If it fly's.....it's there.

Friday 7/27, (Day 6), we headed north for Ironwood, MI., for the night. Saturday 7/28 We rode west into Wisconsin again and then into Duluth, MN., where Bill found a Harley shop to buy some souvenir "T" Shirts. Then we headed northeast on Hwy 61 for Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada. Clearing Customs at Grand Portage, we arrived at our hotel in TB just in time for Bill to buy more "T" Shirts at the Harley shop next door.

Sunday morning (Day 8), we explored around the old parts of TB's rail yards and waterfront before lining out East for the 400+ mile run to the US Border and Sault Saint Marie, MI. Gas stops are few and far between on this leg so we topped off often.

Monday morning (Day 9), we visited the "SOO Locks" between Lakes Superior & Huron. We got there just in time to see the 1,000' Indiana Harbor shoe horn itself into the lock for decent to Lake Huron. Amazing! We continued down I-75 to Mackinaw City for another Great Lakes fish lunch. The worked our way along the western upper peninsula resort towns before shutting down for the night in Cadillac, MI.

Tuesday (Day 10), we ran into intermittent rain as we rolled south on I-75.

Wednesday morning, (Day 11), we woke to heavy rain just south of Lexington, KY, so we suited up an pretty much got soaked during the last 275 miles to get home! Gotta pay your dues! 11 days, 3575 miles, two bikes and two riders.

Great ride!



## **Ride Report**

### **Wednesday, 8/22/18 Asian King Buffet ride to Franklin, NC.**

We rolled out of the Young Harris Citgo Station at 10 AM under partly cloudy skies and mid 70 temps. Ride leaders, Dennis & Sue, Tail gunners, Fred & Carol.

Heading east on Hwy 76, we took the 288 bypass around Hiawassee and continued east on Hwy 76 to Persimmon Road. We then followed Persimmon Road to Blue Ridge Gap Road. Descending Blue Ridge Gap on the east side we picked up Hwy 441 north at the magnificent old Nacootchie School.

We headed north on Hwy 441 to Otto, NC., then wound our way around the Little Tennessee River on Clarks Church Road to the Asian King Buffet in Franklin, NC. A fine Chinese buffet lunch was enjoyed by all.

Following lunch we split up. Fred & Carol and Gordy & Sandy elected to head to Highlands while the rest of us headed for home.

7 bikes/trikes, 12 riders, 125 miles, and 6 hours!

Good ride!

Dennis Bible

## **Ride Report**

### **Saturday, August 8/25/19**

We had 11 Blue J's & 2 guests on 9 bikes leaving the Blairsville Marathon Station on a dazzling Saturday morning. Heading west on Old Blue Ridge Hwy., the group looked really good riding through beautiful downtown Morganton, GA. After passing over the Blue Ridge Lake Dam we turned on McKinney Rd, crossed over Hwy. 76 and followed Industrial Park Rd. and Ada Rd. to picturesque Galloway Rd. that takes us close to the Toccoa River. Finally, turning north on Hwy 5 we arrive at Pat's Kountry Kitchen for some fine down home country cooking. Many of us indulged in her specialty - chicken & dumplings.

Following lunch, we mount up and took a short ride to Ducktown, NC to visit the Ducktown Basin Copper Museum. We all gained an extensive familiarity to the former copper mining operation that took place in Ducktown and Copperhill. With a video, numerous artifacts, pictures, diagrams and a very knowledgeable docent, our visit to the Burra Burra Mine Site was a very enjoyable experience.

After spending nearly 90 minutes at the copper mine museum, some folks headed for home, while others of us continued north on Hwy. 68, turned on Hwy. 294 and stopped at the 'Fields of the Wood' site to visit the large cross on top of the north hill. The temperature was still about 80 degrees as we headed for home recounting the fun day that was had by all.

Roger LeRoy



## 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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# October 2018

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