

Greetings Chapter-E:

Another COLD month has come and gone (as has the snow that some of you enjoyed). It's hard to believe that February is already here! Warmer weather in late January allowed us to enjoy several rides January 30-31.

At our January Chapter-E Meeting, we presented a check to Meals on Wheels for \$1000. January's meeting was one of the best turnouts we've had in a while. It was wonderful to see each of you!

And speaking of good turnouts: **CONGRATULATIONS** Chapter- E on winning the Plaque Attack! On January 30, we had 28 show up for the Plaque Attack at Chapter-K (Spartanburg). GREAT turnout- and a long time coming!

Our Plaque Attack Gathering will be February 27, 2016 at Carolina Fine Foods, 625 SE Main Street in Simpsonville. Eat at 1pm, Meet at 2pm. We have all three (3) rooms reserved to accommodate up to 150 participants. Hope to see all of you out for this- it's great opportunity to support our Chapter!

We would like to take a moment to thank Keith and Kim Stidham for their hard work over the last 2 ½ years as our Chapter Directors. They invested a lot of time, and guided our Chapter well. At January's meeting, they announced that the time has come to pass on the torch, to allow them to focus more on the challenges facing their family.

Many thanks to Carl Hallman, also. Carl has provided our Chapter with MANY wonderful and enjoyable rides over the years- and we certainly appreciate his (and LaRue's) efforts in planning and coordinating so much fun! The annual Frost-Bite ride on January 1st was Carl's last "official" ride as Coordinator- we had a wonderful turnout for that ride! We will certainly miss seeing you "at the front of the pack"! Carl and LaRue will certainly be around, enjoying rides with us, occasionally leading a ride, and continuing to coordinate our Info-Line.

CONGRATULATIONS to Jerry Hill who received his **Master Rider Patch** at the Plaque Attack. Way to go, Jerry!

Rhonda and I were also handed our Chapter Director Patches at the Plaque Attack (as well as patches for several new officers to be announced at the February Meeting).

Paul Workman and Robert Hartzell have agreed to be our Ride Coordinators. Be sure to let them know if you have specific places or rides you would enjoy- they're already planning some, and look forward to your input.

Come visit our new Chapter-E Facebook Page, and share your pictures and fun memories. Everyone can see this page- only Chapter Participants can join the page so that they can post (just request to join the group). This Facebook Group will provide our Chapter with a new and interactive means of connecting and sharing.

There are still some staff positions to fill- and we encourage those of you who are able and willing to contact us and consider these opportunities to support our Chapter.

Be sure to mark your calendars, and make a point to attend our Chapter Gathering on February 13, 2016 at Carolina Fine Foods in Simpsonville, SC (625 SE Main St) – Eat at 5:30, Meeting at 6:30. There will be presentations, special program plans, **New officer and staff announcements**, and plans for more activities and FUN to come.

We hope to see all of you there!



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JUST WHAT DOES YELLOW MEAN

First let me say congratulations to Chapter E for taking the Plaque home. This was the first full attempt by our chapter in a long time and I just want to say way to go Chapter E!!!! I knew we could do it if we all pulled together. Now for what the subject of what does yellow mean, well it means City traffic lights, you would think, are pretty simple devices. They are after all only three different colored lights with some switches and timers. And while red and green are obvious, you'd think that the meaning of the yellow light wouldn't take a rocket scientist to figure out. I could be wrong of course. (Most intersection accidents seem to happen in relation to that light.)

Yellow is either Red or Green

In other words, the yellow light is either means stop or go. Now all we have to figure out is when it means stop and when it means go.

When you notice that a light is yellow and if you are able to stop before entering the intersection, yellow means stop. At all other times yellow means go, but use caution. Note: Yellow light Never means speed up. Note: A green light Also means go, however always use caution.

So now you know the rules, but you should assume that nobody else does. In other words, when you are waiting for a light to turn green, after it does you should assume that someone is going to be in the intersection trying to stretch out the yellow as it turns red. A head check is absolutely critical before entering an intersection when your light turns green.

When riding as group we all need to anticipate the light so that we all will arrive together safely. Had a great time yesterday, and we are looking forward to having a lot more fun, and that's what GWRRA is all about having fun, along with safety.

Remember to Ride Safe, Ride As often as you can.

Jerry & Teresa Hill



Rhonda and Don have set a fire under chapter "E" and have us moving! We have attended several chapter meetings this month and took 28 people to the plaque attack in Spartanburg, SC. We brought the plaque back with us. Thanks chapter "E" --we did it!!!

Feb 13 - Chapter "E" regular monthly meeting at Carolina Fine Foods in Simpsonville, SC. Eat at 5:30 pm and meet at 6:30 pm.

Feb 27 - Plaque attack will be held at Carolina Fine Foods in Simpsonville, SC. Eat at 1:00 pm and meet at 2:00 pm.

Tim & Miriam Hormel

Every morning as I wake to start the day anew,
I thank the Lord that He could make a person sweet as you.
And as I lay me down to sleep I thank the Lord above,
For sending me a soul mate so that I may know true love.
HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!



Well, we have made it thru another month. We have had our first snow fall of 2016 and it was beautiful. We have had a very busy month. First of all I would like to welcome our new chapter directors Don and Rhonda Weed. Pray for them as they put together a new team to work along side of them to make chapter E the best in SC and beyond.

We started with friendship dinners:

January 5th met at Lazy Chicken with 22 members attending. This was hosted by Carl and Larue.
January 12th met at 5 Guys Burgers hosted by Don and Rhonda Weed with 15 members and 4 visitors.
January 19th met at Frank and Company hosted by Willis and Virginia with 15 members.
January 26th met at Lil Rebel with 19 members present and hosted by Sam and Linda Stidham.

We also made several visits to other chapters this month, they are as follows:

On Thursday night the 14th we visited Chapter I in Clemson with 9 members attending.
On Saturday afternoon January the 16th 4 members traveled to chapter S in Newberry. Rhonda brought some of their money back to Greenville, she won \$40.00.
On January 29th we had 13 members go over to Chapter F in Easley.
On January 30th we had a ride over to Chapter K in Spartanburg for the plaque capture and capture the plaque we did. We had 13 bikes and about 4 cars to join us with a total of 28 members attending.
Our regular meeting was held on January 9 at Carolina Fine Foods. Willis did his comedy routine and Saundra was back with her question and answer session. I don't know about the rest of you but I have truly missed these two. We had 41 members present and 7 visitors.
Last but not least we had 2 rides put together on the last day of the month. Carl led a ride with 4 bikes and 7 people (to Whimire) and Tim led a ride to Lake Lure with 2 bikes and 1 Mustang with a total of 6 members attending.
Don and Rhonda have attended a couple of leadership classes this month taking along some of our new staff who will announced later.
Wow we sure did a lot of traveling this month!!!!!!! Looking forward to warmer weather so we can do even more next month.
Don't forget to check your membership card to make sure you are current.
Well, I guess that's all from the MEC corner.

Peggy Holder



February Birthdays

- Keith Stidham - 2/4
- Linda Stidham - 2/8
- Wanda Hamilton-Broyles - 2/12
- Don Weeks - 2/13
- Kitty Toth - 2/14
- Pete Wingerter - 2/16

February Anniversaries

- Polly & Frank Wells - 2/4
- Kitty & Pat Toth - 2/6
- Betty & Charles Coleman - 2/25

