



February 2018 GGMC Meeting Notes & Articles

James Griffin - President's Corner & Meeting Notes

Greetings to all the GGMC Family,

Greetings to all the GGMC family, it's shaping up to another great year for our club, our officers & road captains have put together another great ride schedule for 2018, along with 3 wonderful over night trips. I suggest everyone look over the calendar and make your reservations as soon as possible, some of our over nights have limited rooms available, so don't wait too late.

As always remember our members with health problems & those fighting the flu, it has been terrible this year.

I would like to ask that if it at all possible join our club meetings the first Tuesday night of every month, this is your club help keep it strong.

This year has started out well, we have completed two club meetings and 4 rides already and the number of riders has been great. If you don't want to have fun with some awesome folks on some nice motorcycles, stay home.

All joking aside I am really excited to see what a great 2018 we have in store.

FYI: For those who were unable to attend our last meeting, here are a few things for all members:

- 1.) **Our GGMC email** list needs to be used for GGMC ride information and business matters only.
- 2.) **GGMC Face Book page:**
 - A.) Change the settings to private and
 - B.) Be careful about posting non club rides and non club events.
- 3.) **Ride protocols:**
 - A.) Ride in a stager formation.
 - B.) When approaching a stop sign, the person on the left will pull off first and so forth. Please remember that each rider is responsible for themselves and needs to make sure that the intersection is clear prior to pulling out.
 - C.) Remember to maintain the position that you started the ride off with and maintain that position from beginning to end. This will help us identify if someone has left the ride or if we had left someone behind.
 - D.) When we come to a turn, check to see if the person is behind you. If not, stop and wait for them to catch up. This will keep us from losing the rider(s) behind you.
 - E.) If a rider pulls off, then the person directly behind him needs to pull straight ahead. Do not crisscross this is how accidents happen and we want to keep all members safe.

F.) If you plan to pull off or leave the ride early, you need to inform your Road Captain and Sweep in advance. This way they will not worry if someone was left behind or something has happened to them.

G.) The Ride Captain needs to pre-ride their routes.

H.) The Ride Captain needs to send their GPS, GPX (if you have them) along with the written directions a week in advance or at the latest by Wednesday prior to the scheduled ride. This will allow time for our members to study the ride.

I.) Make sure you watch your emails. We may change the KSU time, routes or notify you of other club activities.

"IT'S ALL ABOUT THE RIDE" Ride Safe!

JAMES GRIFFIN Greater Gwinnett Motorcycle Club President

Richard Martin - Sunshine Report for February 2018 - I will be sending the GGMC Roster to Debra. She will attach it to the last page of our newsletter. Should you need to make changes or add someone to the list. Please feel free to call or email me.

Gary and Sheri Dorris - Treasurer's Report for February 2018

Treasurer's Report for	Feb 6, 2018
Beginning Balance	\$689.29
Income (Feb. 50/50)	\$62.00
Expenses	\$165.00 (50 Club Patches)
Ending Balance	\$586.29

Ride Statistics as of Feb 6, 2018	
Rides Completed This Year	3
Avg. bikes per ride	15
Total scheduled route miles	465
Total bike miles	6430
Members riding this year	27
Guests riding this year	0

Mark Trager - Webmaster Report for February 2018 - James spoke with Mark in regards to our website club calendar. Unfortunately we are only able to see about 20 days versus the entire calendar when using our smart devices. Mark is going to work on the calendar.

Secretary Report for February 2018 - As a reminder, please go ahead if you are planning on joining us for our overnight rides and make your reservations. Listed below are all three of our overnight rides and reservation information.

1.) Date: April 21 & 22nd, 2018

Location: **The Lodge at Tellico** @ 9436 TN-68, Tellico Plains, TN. 37385

Telephone: (423) 253-2506

Reservations: <https://www.lodgeattellico.com/page%205.htm>

Note: Book on-line. **They only have a total of 16 rooms.** Richard has already booked his.

2.) Date: **June 9th & 10th, 2018**

Location: **Big Lynn Lodge** @ 10860 HWY 226-A, Little Switzerland, NC. 28749

Reservations: (828) 765-4257

Note: You may have to leave your name and telephone number. They will return your call. They are usually in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays during this time of the year.

Richard has called and asked them to reserve our usual front row.

3.) Date: **September 22nd & 23rd, 2018**

Location: **Best Western Heritage** @ 7641 Old Lee HWY, Chattanooga, TN. 37421

Reservations: (423) 899-3311

Note: They only have 100 rooms and 50 of them are already booked with another group. They suggested to go ahead and book your rooms. Cancellation policy is up till 4:00 PM of the day of arrival.

Upcoming Scheduled GGMC Rides:

February	18th		Whistle Stop, Juliette, GA.	Kerry
March	3rd		Warm Springs, GA	Kyle
	18th		White Plains, GA	Roger
April	7th		Knuckleheads - Rockmart, GA	Debra
	21st-22nd	Overnight	The Lodge at Tellico - Tellico Plains, TN	Paul/Dellree
			Reservations (423) 253-2506	
May	12th		Smokin' Pig - Pendleton, SC	Kyle
	20th		Hawg Wild BBQ - Clarksville, GA	Gary
June	9th - 10th	Overnight	Big Lynn Lodge - Little Switzerland, NC	Peter
			Reservations (828) 765-4257	
	24th		Ellijay, GA	Chris S.
July	7th		Bryson City, GA	Chris P.
	15th		Gumlog - Tocca Falls, GA	Paul
August	4th		Stumphouse Tunnel - Wallhalla, SC	James
	19th		Field in the Woods - Murphy, NC	Chris S.
September	8th		Wheels through Time - Maggie Valley, NC	Chris P.
	22nd -23rd	Overnight	Chattanooga, TN	Kerry/Debra
			Best Western Heritage, Chattanooga, TN	

October	6th	Jims Smokin' Que - Blairsville, GA	Peter
	21st	Gettysburg of the South - Chickamauga, TN	Gary
November	3rd	Daniels Steak House, Hiwassee, GA	Roger
	18th	The Brick - Milledgeville, GA	Debra
December	1st	Salvation Army Toy Run - Cycleworld, Athens	James
	8th	Christmas Party	Richard's House

HISTORY OF GREATER GWINNETT MOTORCYCLE CLUB

Part 2

by Gary Dorris

Part 1 of our club's history was provided by Ron Pieper (aka Scooby), our only active charter member and club President from 2001 to 2010. Scooby's vision and leadership established a good foundation and set the character, or culture, of the club. His efforts prompted continuous growth, not to mention a lot of great riding with great friends.

Having just started riding again after about 30 years of career building and raising a family, I was looking for a group with which to ride. I attended the annual motorcycle show in January, 2007, met Scooby at the show and joined the club shortly thereafter.

Speaking of the motorcycle show, that's something the club participated in every January and a lot of our members, just like me, were first introduced to the club at the show. When the show was at the North Atlanta Trade Center the promoters offered us a free booth each year. Although we still had to purchase our own passes and pay a nominal fee for electricity, it was a relatively inexpensive way to promote the club (less than \$100). Unfortunately for us, when the show promoters relocated the show to Cobb Galleria in 2017, they no longer offered a free booth and they increased the price of their booths such that it was no longer financially feasible to participate (approx \$500). Fortunately, over the past few years the exposure and growth that may have come from the show has been overshadowed through word-of-mouth promotion and our increased online presence.

Two things that Scooby championed when building the club are (1) that it would be family oriented – think PG rating, okay maybe PG-13, and (2) riding safety. I was impressed and encouraged to learn that Scooby and the other members didn't just talk the talk, they walked the walk. I had only been riding again for a few months when I joined the club and admittedly I was lacking confidence and ability. The character of the club and its members became evident when Scooby and several others took me under their wings and provided advice and encouragement. Over time and with their help, I felt much more confident and didn't feel like an outsider or like I was an obstruction, otherwise known as an accident waiting to happen. That same character and attention to safety is still evident today, 11 years later.

Shortly after joining the club I took the position of Treasurer. Then in 2009 I became Vice President still under the expert tutelage of Scooby. I got my first taste of the President's position while Scooby was recovering from back surgery. Even after watching Scooby for several years, the thought of being responsible for the club was daunting, but again the character of the club and its members came shining through. Scooby had things running smoothly and the club members

were very supportive and encouraging. That experience set the stage for me to take over as club President in 2010. I might mention that during my tenure as Vice President and President, my wife, Sheri maintained the Treasurers role.

My tenure as President ran from 2010 to mid-2014. Along with continued growth of the club, there were two significant events during this time. One, we added Road Captains. Two, we created a FaceBook page for the club.

Until we added Road Captains, the President almost always planned and led the rides. Trying to come up with new and interesting routes every two weeks, especially without the use of GPS NAV systems, can take its toll. I don't know how Scooby did it for so many years. I proposed creating the Road Captain positions for two main reasons; to get some relief for the President and to take advantage of the knowledge and travel experiences of other members. As it turns out, I think the addition of Road Captains was one of the best things we've ever done. It has done exactly what was intended by giving the President some relief from the responsibility of ride planning, and has provided some awesome ride routes from the experiences of other members.

One might think that my career in Information Technology would have me accepting of new technology... yeah, not so much. I suppose I'm just old and resistant to change, so when Face Book came along, I resisted and didn't create my own personal account until I realized it was becoming necessary just to keep up with what my grown kids were doing. Enter Peter Sexton. Peter and his wife were moving into the area from Chicago and he was looking for a riding club. To shorten a long story, Peter was Face Book savvy and encouraged me (or beat me like a drum until I agreed) to set up a FaceBook account for the club. Seriously, in hind-sight it has been a great tool for promoting the club and facilitating communication. You can thank Peter for seeing the need and taking the lead to implement it, and I think he's doing a great job in maintaining the page.

That brings me to the end of my chapter. The presidential baton was passed to James Griffin in 2014 while I went back to being co-Treasurer with Sheri and keeping track of our ride statistics just for grins. I'll leave it to James to add his two cents worth, but let me say from my own observations that James is an excellent leader and is doing a fantastic job growing the club, maintaining its friendly and helpful character, and continuing to focus on safety.

It has been and continues to be a super ride. Going from 6 or 8 bikes per ride to 20+ per ride has been exciting, and the best part is all the great people I've met and friends I've made that never would have happened if I hadn't joined the club.

Ride Safely Everybody,
Gary Dorris

GREATER GWINNETT MOTORCYCLE CLUB 02/06/2018- Roster

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“X” in column 1 indicates “New” or “Change” since 01/2018

“X” in column 2 indicates attendance at 02/2018 meeting

New Members: Eric Miller | Guests: 0

Changes: The (?) Mark in Column 1 indicates that the Email came back that Delivery Failed. Must be a bad Email Address. If anyone has an update, please let me know.