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GA Chapter 20 President Joe Combs II and Charter Member MaryLee 'Hoot' LeBrun present Golden Isles Emerald Society's Vice President Brian 'Jersey' Guenther with a check for the proceeds raised for the Shop with a Firefighter program. (photo: Yvonne 'Buttercup' Dixon)



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SAVE THE DATES

DATE SHIFT **EVENT NAME**

SEPTEMBER

9/14 (3/C)**Breakfast Social & Station Tour GA20 Gathering & Dinner Social** 9/26 (3/C)

9/28 (2/B)**Battle of the Badges**

OCTOBER

10/5 (3/C)**Breakfast Social & Ride**

10/12 (3/C) **GIHOG**—Babies to Boston Benefit Ride

Daytona Biketoberfest 10/17-20 (All)

10/19 (2/B) **GA20 Day-Trip to Daytona**

10/24 (1/A) **GA20 Gathering & Dinner Social**

10/31 (2/B) Halloween

NOVEMBER

GA20 Breakfast Social 11/2 (1/A) 11/2 **GA20 FIREHOUSE Tour** (1/A)

11/11 (1/A) **Veterans Day Parade Ride Along**

11/16 (3/C) **GIHOG Toys For Tots**

11/21 (2/B) **GA20 Annual Meeting & Dinner Social**

11/28 (3/C) **Thanksgiving**

DECEMBER

12/7 (3/C)**GA20 Breakfast Social & Ride**

More to come in next edition...

Note: Additional details will be provided via email and website as the event dates approach.



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WORDS FROM YOUR BOARD

THOUGHTS FROM THE PRESIDENT: Joe II

Greetings GA 20 and Friends.



Fall is definitely in the air, so get out and enjoy the cooler temperatures and RIDE. We have had a lot of things that we need to get accomplished before the end of the year, which will be here before we know it. I am going to see about categorizing the topics to that, hopefully, it will my rambling easier to follow.

GENERAL CHAPTER HEALTH & INFO

We are VERY fortunate to be a Chapter that is still growing. We have been adding new members almost every month this past year which is great, and hopefully an indication that we are doing something right. In doing so we have grown to a Chapter of 41 members with several other individuals being talked to about joining. Membership renewals will be going out shortly and I encourage everyone to renew as soon as possible so that we go into the new year as a STRONG Chapter with the RESOLVE to continue growing and be active.

We have a couple Socials that are coming up in the next several months and we'll need some volunteers to get them planned. The first on will be our Chapter Christmas Party in December. The next one will be our 10-year Anniversary Party in March 2020. Details on both of these will be distributed once they are known.

We also have our Chapters elections in November and are currently seeking nominations for all positions. If anyone is interested they should contact a current board members and let them know your intentions.

Lastly, we have received our 501(c)(3) Charitable status from the IRS. This process was started several years ago and then, for one reason or another, not followed through with. Our Accountant suggested that we finish the application and get it processed and the he felt confident that we would qualify. While there are several

things hat this does once of the biggest has to do with availability of funds from larger corporations. As a Charity, any donations to us are tax deductible, in accordance with the



IRS guidelines. Speaking of DONATIONS, it is time to start our 2020 fundraising campaign and deciding what we want to do as a Chapter to raise funds to help support our programs and events.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

We have several Community Outreach projects already underway and some being discussed. As most know we have a section of Glynco Parkway that we are responsi-



ble for liter pickup. 'Our' sign, along with another one in the area was removed or stolen. Tommy Dixon was successful in getting it replaced.

We have also decided to sponsor a Little League Baseball team this upcoming year. Obviously called the 'Red Knights' and hopefully, while not required, we can have some attendance at the games.



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There is also some discussion about offering some sort of educational scholarship. This is still in the very early stages of discussion but if anyone has any thoughts please share them with a board member

HEALTH & SAFETY

This is a broad category, but one that needs to be mentioned. First for those that haven't heard we have decided at the last meeting to purchase a reconditioned AED to have at Chapter events and rides. Hopefully this is something we will never need. Secondly, and certainly not least is health. WE have had several members, and family members in the hospital lately. Please keep everyone in your prayers so that they heal quickly and can get back to enjoying life.

RIDES & EVENTS

Yes, we have rides, when the weather cooperates. Hurricanes and/or the threat of hurricanes always seems to put a kink in riding plans. Hopefully that is behind us and we can get back to a 'normal' riding season. In addition to the reoccurring rides planned, we have plans for a FIREHOUSE tour ride he first Saturday in November. This will be most of the day and will get all the letters needed except for two, which are closer and easier to pick up. Regardless of weather you are riding on one of our group rides or just out riding, always be safe. Take a few minutes before each ride to check your bike out and if you see something on someone else's bike please mention it to them.

INTERNATIONAL & REGIONAL UPDATE

As we all know there RKMC International conference was held at the end of August. While there was a lot of fun there was also several items of business that effect all chapters. A few of these would include the passing of several International By-Laws changes. Once the By-laws are updated on the International website I'll let everyone know so that you can take a look at the updated version. Until then, I have the info as provided via the International Facebook page and is available upon request. Another item that effected all chapters and especially those in Region 4 was the election of the International Board. With the election of Joey Powell as International Presi-

dent, Region 4's Director position came vacated. All Region 4 Chapters will be voting on that position during the month of November.

In closing, let's get on with the year and continue having fun and riding. And as always...

Have Fun, Stay Safe, and keep the shiny side up,
— Joe C

TREASURER: Pappy



Hello from deep in the vault, hence the echo, echo, echo...as I write some shallow thoughts of the past "Nearly Ten Years" in this position, I ponder. We of course have come a long way as a club of our size, we strive to meet goals and have fun as well. As a small group we have supported many charitable events, fundraisers and ceremonies.

In all these events we have managed to remain for the most part, accident free and in good standing with all other groups and clubs. I sincerely hope that someone soon would consider my position as I am working toward a long lazy retirement from the fire service. (1983-2018) As the year ends please try to participate in as much of the upcoming events as we can weather you ride or not, a little help goes a long way to make it a successful and more enjoyable day.

Stay safe and healthy, "Pappy"





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QUARTERMASTER: Aimee



Patches, patches, and more patches. We still have lots of patched to get issued. If you are missing any patches and/or want something extra please get with me or come to a meeting and get what you are missing. Speaking of patches, we also have 'Heaven One In Memory' patches and rockers for Mike Armstrong and Jim Cochran. The 'Heaven One In Memory' Maltese

cross is \$10.00 each and the individual rockers are \$5.00 each. We also have rockers for Jimmy Perez, also \$5.00 each. Please consider purchasing one of these to help remember our former members.

In addition to the RKMC patches Joe has been working on getting other 'bling' for our vests. Some of the items he has been getting include; RKMC collar brass, Charleston Nine Memorial Patches, Guardian Bells, and more.

Also being discussed is the 'formal' adoption of a Chapter Uniform. The International already has the 'Official' Uniform identified and what is being worked out is what we, as a Chapter, would hope to see at certain types of events.

Aimee

HEAD ROAD CAPTAIN: Bones

FALL MOTORCYCLE RIDING TIPS:



1. Beware of Leaves

Falling leaves create visual hazards, especially if they are wet. They can stick to your visor easily, or block a tree branch that's extending into your path of travel. Don't get distracted by leaves, regardless of how mesmerizing they are while falling. Leaves on the ground present as

equal of a hazard as falling ones. They can cover up drain ditches and waterways. And remember that though leaves look dry, they ones on the ground are likely wet, which will quickly cause traction issues and a disaster on the trail.

2. Layer Up!

Layering is the only way to go during autumn riding. Start with good base layers and mid layers, and always pack along an extra fleece or something similar for added warmth. This allows you to easily adjust your comfort zone while out riding.

3. Don't Forget the Rain Gear

Fall is the most unpredictable time of the year. You can be riding in pure sunshine at 70 degrees (F), and then it can drop to 50 and start raining. Even the light mist can penetrate your gear, so make sure your outer layers are up to par in the waterproof department. If you're wearing gear that's not waterproof, don't forget the rain suit!

4. Wildlife: Extra Caution Needed

Wildlife is more active searching for food in fall, which has them scattered. Deer usually feed close to roads, and their most active feeding time is dusk and dawn. Fall is a time for hunting, also, which will further scatter animals like deer and turkey. Work on maximizing peripheral vision to proactively recognize a threat and react, such as covering your brakes while slowing down, and always keep your eyes moving.

5. Beware Frosty Roads

The mornings can provide some frosty conditions. Even the thinnest layer of frost can result in a loss of traction. Try to stay in the middle of the road since more frost will collect around the edges, and preferably ride in car-tire tracks.

6. Check Tires and Fluids

Now is not the time to question your thread depth. If the tread depth is less than 2/32 of inch deep, you need some new skins. Also, check your fluids and top off if needed. You don't want dirty brake fluid to thicken up quickly while riding in the colder weather. And for those with liquid-cooled engines, make sure your coolant is fresh.

—Bones



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The US Navy modified this Indian Motorcycle in 1940 as a Fire Fighting vehicle

BONUS SUBMISSION

MOTORCYCLE LEMON LAWS:



Georgia's Lemon Law only applies to "new motor vehicles" and motorcycles are specifically exempted from that definition under the law. The motorcycle exemption:

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not include any vehicle on which the title and other transfer documents show a used, rather than new, vehicle. The term "new motor vehicle" also does not include trucks with more than 12,000 pounds gross vehicle weight rating, motorcycles, or golf carts. If a new motor vehicle is a motor home, this article shall apply to the self-propelled vehicle and chassis, but does not include those portions of the vehicle designated, used, or maintained primarily as living quarters, office, or commercial space.

If you want to learn more, go to www.consumer.ga.gov, and search GA Lemon Law

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FROM THE KITCHEN

JEKYLL ISLAND CLUB RESORT'S SHRIMP AND GRITS:



1 lb. fresh Georgia white shrimp, peeled and deveined 1 bundle green onion, diced 1/2 lb. andouille sausage or other spicy sausage Garlic butter (recipe below) Flour as needed White wine to taste 1/2 squeezed lemon 1 cup heavy whipping cream Old Bay seasoning to taste Salt and pepper to taste

Garlic Butter for Sauté:

Cheese grits (recipe below)

Soften 1 lb. unsalted butter, 6 oz. bacon fat, 2 Tbsp. of minced garlic, 1 Tbsp. paprika and 1/2 tsp. each of chopped thyme, parsley and oregano. Mix all ingredients together and set aside for later use.

Cheese Grits:

Follow recipe on package, except use less stock. You want the grits to be tight (stiff), so use chicken stock instead of water. Add medium sharp cheddar cheese to taste add salt and pepper to taste. Set aside but keep warm.

In sauté pan, add garlic butter (you probably have enough to do two or three batches). Add sausage and onions, let sauté and then add shrimp, cream, wine and lemon, and let cook for 3 minutes. Add Old Bay and salt and pepper to taste. Let simmer, then sprinkle flour on top and mix in. Continue doing this until you get the right consistency. Let it simmer a little while longer to cook out the flour taste. Put the grits into bowl and top with the shrimp mixture to serve.

Recipe photo from Jekyll Island Club Resort's Facebook page.



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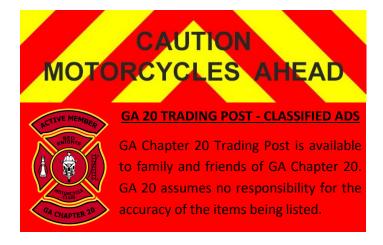
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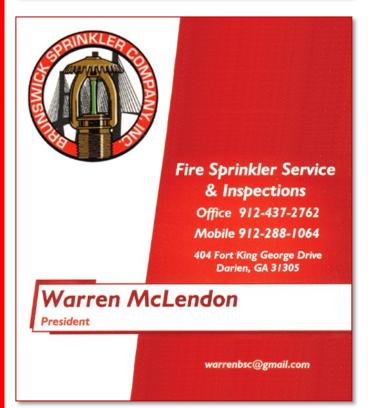
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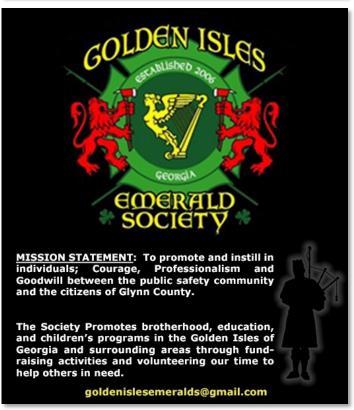


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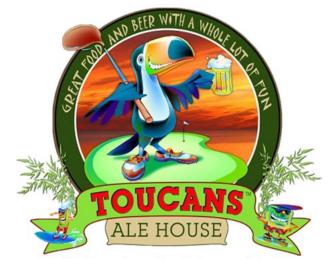
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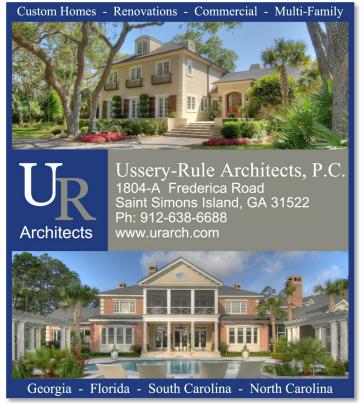




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