



January 2018 GGMC Meeting Notes & Articles

James Griffin - President's Corner

Greetings to all the GGMC family

Wow, what an excellent 2017 was for the Greater Gwinnett Motorcycle Club we made many memories, we enjoyed lots of fun adventures, met some interesting people, had our first UBER ride in Greater Gwinnett Motorcycle Club history and added some new members along the way.

I would like to personally thank our officers for their time & effort as well as our outstanding road captains who without these persons Greater Gwinnett Motorcycle Club could not be as wonderful as it has become THANKS!!!!!!

Thanks to Richard & Michelle Martin for opening up their home to us for our Christmas party this year, AWESOME !!!!!

We need to congratulate Kerry Wood for being our coveted high millage award winner for 2017 and Chris Pierce for being chosen 2017 member of the year - two awesome guys.

As well as a great Christmas party Greater Gwinnett Motorcycle Club stepped up again to make up one of the best charity rides that I can recall, With Greater Gwinnett Motorcycle Club's help Cycle World of Athens, Fire & Iron MC, Peach State Federal Credit Union, The Christian MC Association and many others the Salvation Army raise over \$5,000 in cash & many new toys. The Salvation Army of Clark county stated they had identified 5500 family's that need help this time of year, THANKS to all that made this possible.

GM should have our ride schedule available by the end of January & will post it.

As always please remember our members who are having health issues.

I am excited to see just how much fun Greater Gwinnett Motorcycle Club can have in 2018 I think it will be amazing, like a child on Christmas Eve can hardly wait .

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

JAMES GRIFFIN Greater Gwinnett Motorcycle Club President

Richard Martin - Sunshine Report for January 2018 - No updated reports

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

Treasurer's Report for	Jan 2, 2018
Beginning Balance	\$734.29
Income (Oct. 50/50)	\$0.00
Expenses	\$45.00
Ending Balance	\$689.29

Ride Statistics as of Jan 2, 2018	
Rides Completed This Year	1
Avg. bikes per ride	8
Total scheduled route miles	125
Total bike miles	1,000
Members riding this year	11
Guests riding this year	0

Mark Trager - Webmaster Report for January 2018 - No updated reports

Secretary Report for January 2018 - No updated reports

Upcoming Scheduled GGMC Rides:

Sunday January 14, 2018: GGMC Officers and Road Captains Meeting at 4:30 PM to discuss and plan our 2018 Rides and Schedules.

*Should you have suggestions or ideas, please contact James Griffin on his cell (404) 234-4942 or email him @ Jamesgriffin@comcast.net.

We welcome all suggestions and ideas....Thank you.

History of the Greater Gwinnett Motorcycle Club by Ron Pieper aka "Scooby"

The club originated in June 1998. Two friends Paul Hartl and Bob Tipton, were the two who set up bylaws and rules on the meetings. At that time they had approximately 9 members. In conducting the meetings we followed the Roberts Rules of Order. This was very formal for our club. Our rides varied from attending charity rides, Fall and Spring festivals, and craft shows. We did get involved with different charities and sponsored a local charity which supported unwed mothers to be. We were also committed to Ride for Kids which we raised several thousand dollars each year.

The club's main goal was to make it a family club. We were also a chapter under the AMA bylaws which meant monthly dues. The club scheduled rides were on a to-be-announced basis so I came to the conclusion that we were a club one step ahead of a group of riders meeting at a local cafe and deciding where we will ride to.

I took over the club in 2001 as president. Being burned out on our short and boring rides we finally came up with a ride schedule that was determined every six months, later going to an annual schedule. We also established new bylaws, group riding rules, dropped out of AMA, eliminated monthly dues, and said goodbye to Robert Rules of Order. We attended the Honda Hoot each year from the beginning to the end. We would average close to twenty riders on this two day trip. We rode The Trail Of Tears Ride three years as a club starting after the 911 incident. Our first ride there were over sixty-thousand riders which was over twenty six miles long and were escorted by local and state troopers from Chattanooga to Muscle Shoals, AL. It was sponsored by the new Indian motorcycle company which also had seven Indian Chiefs leading the ride on new Indian bikes. Most of our rides are the same as today's rides. We did not have GPS to guide us. I led most of the rides and depended on our "CB" radios for direction and group positions. This is where we made "U-turns" a lot. It became a standing joke that it wasn't an official ride unless there was at least one U-turn.

Gary and James have brought this club to high standards and with our outstanding members we are what we are today. I have spent much time and effort to keep our club going. We had members joining who tried to change our main goal being a family club where all family members were welcome. This caused some members to split off and go their separate ways, but we prevailed and by far we are the best riding club ever.

Love You All!

Scooby