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Blue Knights Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club

GAXII Plans For Successful 2009

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January Birthdays

Melissa Pittman: 01/05
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WEB SITE

After much effort to get our web site up and running, it has not been updated in recent months. Members who have photos of prior events or other historical information, are encouraged to submit them for inclusion on the web site. This is your web site, we still need chapter member input.

The Chapter is seeking a person who is competent to manage our web site. If any members know of someone who is willing to donate their time, please pass their information to the Chapter Secretary.

Chapter Events:

- February Meeting: 02/05
- March Meeting : 03/05
- Chapter Picnic: 03/21
- April Meeting: 04/02
- GPMR: 04/25
- May Meeting: 05/07
- Poker Run: 05/16
- June Meeting: 06/04

Ride with Pride

Georgia Chapter XII NEWS

Central GAXII held their first meeting of 2009 on January 8th. If the number of members attending was an indicator of what the year will hold, GAXII should have a great year to look forward to.

The meeting was called to order by the Chapter President Melissa Pittman. She welcomed two of the chapters newest members Patrice Kerner and Jerome Sinclair, who were in attendance. The Chapter also welcomed Larry Mooney and Bruce Stanford to

the GAXII family.

The majority of the meeting was spent on planning future events in a timely manner to maximize chapter participation. Several events have been calendared for the coming months. A chapter picnic has been scheduled for March. In April, the chapter will ride in the 2009 Georgia Police Memorial Ride. As a chapter fund raiser, the Chapter has scheduled a Poker Run/Swap Meet for May and in June there is a plan to participate in the Atlanta

“Ride for Kids.

The Chapter Secretary presented a new Heaven 1 patch to remember Willie Billue, Gary Cole, and Mike Thomas. We will be ordering the patches very soon with proceeds going to Mike Thomas’ children.

In addition, we will be placing an order for additional chapter colors reflecting the revised International patch and our GAXII shoulder patch.

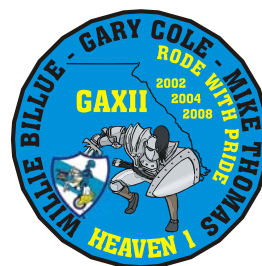
GAXII Member To Be Remembered At This Years GPMR

The Georgia Police Memorial Ride is scheduled for April 25, 2009. The ride will go to Falcon Field in Peachtree City. Ed Christian, President of GAVII, the host for the event, is planning several new events this year. One in particular, will be the first Honor Guard Competition. GAVII wants to name the competition in honor of Mike Thomas. He said that other activities are being planned to



honor Mike as well. Ed has asked for our support in making this years GPMR the best to date. As more information is re-

leased regarding the event, it will be made available on the GAVII and GAXII web site and to all concerned.



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Presidents Corner:

I want to thank all those who have renewed their membership. If you have yet to submit your dues, we want you to remain a member of our GAXII family. Please get those dues in so that we can achieve 100% retention. If your dues are not received by International by the 31 January, you will have to complete the application process again as a new member.

Welcome again to our new members, I am confident that you will find that being a Blue Knight will be a rewarding experience.

As you all know we are in the midst of putting together an order for new patches. Please submit your payment so we can get them ordered before this years GPMR.

Chapter Member in the Spotlight



Bruce Stanford. Joining GAXII this year, Bruce began his career with the Jones County Sheriffs Office in 1985. His assignments included Traffic, SRT and member of their rescue diver team. In 2001, he joined the staff of the Georgia Police Academy assigned to the Traffic Section specializing in Impaired Driving Training and other traffic enforcement related programs. He served as the GOHS Traffic Network Coordinator for the Central Region from 1997 -2005. In 2006, Bruce joined the Forsyth Police Department holding the rank of Sergeant as a part time member. For leisure, Bruce races motorcycles and was crowned the 2003 and 2004 V-Twin National Champion. He has been in the top three in point from 2005 - 2008. Bruce also has a 13 year old daughter named Lindsey.



Bruce rounding the track .

Welcome Bruce to the Blue Knights!

QUICK TIP: Preventing Motorcycle Theft

Follow these basic tips to help avoid becoming a victim of motorcycle theft:

- Lock your ignition and remove the key. Most bike thefts occur when the ignition is shut off, but not locked.
- Lock the forks or disk brakes with locks that have large, brightly colored tags.
- If traveling with other riders, lock motorcycles together when not in use.
- If riding alone, lock your bike to a secure, stationary object that can't be easily dismantled, such as a light pole.
- Add an audible alarm to your motorcycle.
- When traveling and spending the night at a hotel, locate an outdoor security camera and park your bike in the camera's view. If this is not possible, park your bike close to your room.
- Keep an eye on your bike. When parking at a public event, check your motorcycle periodically, especially immediately after leaving your bike, to make sure there are no suspicious individuals lurking about.
- If parking in a garage, block your bike with automobiles, close the garage door and make sure it is locked.
- Don't store your title in your bike's storage compartment, tank bag or saddlebag. The safest place for your title is at home.
- Uniquely mark and then photograph your bike. If thieves take your bike, note its unique markings to law enforcement using the photos you have taken.
- Keep your bike registration and insurance identification card on you when you ride.
- Be careful about giving out private information on where you live, work or play.



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