

# Georgia District

NEWSLETTER

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## WINDING DOWN 2013

Wow is it turkey month already? Here we are winding down another good year of GWRRA Friends sharing Fun, Safety & Knowledge. We just returned home from the last 2013 District Convention in Region A; the Mississippi Convention was held in Gulfport, MS at the Courtyard Gulfport Beachfront Hotel. Vicky and I won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the District Challenge. Vicky also had fun making her donation at the roulette table and taking a short stroll on the beach. We had a great time visiting with our friends at the Mississippi Rally, but there's a lot more fun to be had in 2013.



Next on the agenda is **“WIND DOWN”** and you won't want to miss it. The Georgia District Team invites you to join us for a day of fun and fellowship with your GWRRA friends and family on Saturday, November 9th at the Dublin Civitan Fairground

Building, located at 2593 Hwy 257 South, Dublin, GA 31021.

A **free** lunch will be provided for the members by the Georgia District and served by the Georgia District Team in appreciation of your support throughout the year. The 2013 Chapter Couples of the Year will compete in the District Couple of the Year Selection. The 2013 Travelers Plaque will be retired and the New 2014 Travelers Plaque will be introduced. There will be Games, Door Prizes, 50/25/25 and also a swap table for that “stuff” you have lying around the house. We look forward to seeing you at Wind Down.

We are approaching the Holiday season and some Chapters have cancelled their monthly gathering during the months of November and/or December due to conflicting holiday activities. If you plan to visit your neighboring Chapter, it is suggested that you call ahead to make sure their gathering hasn't been cancelled for that date.

**We wish you a Happy Thanksgiving**

*Tommy & Vicky*

## WHAT TIME IS IT?

I bet all of you are thinking Hump Day! Picturing a camel walking around an office asking that very question. Every class I am instructing I walk in on Wednesday and utter that phrase and everyone begins to laugh and it lightens the moment because everyone understands the reference. It has become a national phenomenon. The last time I can remember anything remotely similar was when Clara Peller, during Wendy's commercials, would utter: "Where's the beef?"

Maybe we can coin our own catch phrase... something like, "What time is it? It is Safety Time!" Whether we are getting ready to ride our magnificent machines or drive a cage. It could apply anywhere...crossing the street, painting the house or getting in a bathtub. A catchphrase to remind us to be safe!

Imagine the possibilities...saying it to your departing to anywhere husband, wife, kids, friends, co-workers, etc. and everyone knowing exactly what you mean. Now we need to come up with a visual image to tie it all together—we'll have to get back to you on that.

So...."What Time Is It?" Hopefully you remembered "Safety Time" and we can also add in it is that "time of the year"....you know when summer turns to fall even-

tually giving way, begrudgingly, to winter. It means we have a few more things to add to our safety checklist before we head out to ride.

Sun Glare – as the daylight hours grow shorter we tend to travel during time when the sunlight and resulting glare blind us. Happens in the morning and evening, varying in time and intensity, as the earth continues on its never ending journey around the sun. Here we are already difficult to see and now the folks "Sharing the Road" with us are blinded even more. Let us not forget it affects us too! What can we do? Tap your brakes, thus activating your brake lights, to let the folks behind you see you are in front of them. Utilize the left and right track of the lane you are in... movement draws attention. Do not forget the high visibility safety gear (ATGATT). Headlight modulators are a plus here also.

Daylight Savings Time ends 2 AM November 3<sup>rd</sup>. This will throw everyone a little out of sync and once again change the sunlight and glare we ride/drive in. Also remember that critters, while they can be active anytime, are particularly active at dawn and dusk.

Temperatures – You can start the day with cold temps and by afternoon it

can be down right warm. Dress in layers (unless you are lucky enough to own heated gear) so that as the temperature climbs you can remove layers to adjust your comfort level. Remember it is easier to cool down from being a little warm than it is to warm up after becoming chilled.

Tire Pressures – you will need to pay attention to your air pressures as they will be lower in colder temperatures than warm. Don't forget the T-CLOCS!

Leaves – The leaves are beautiful at this time of year when they change color, hanging onto their trees for a few last days before detaching and falling to the ground. Once on the ground they can become a hazard. If you encounter them on the road they can be extremely slippery; especially early morning when covered with the heavy dew that is prevalent at this time of year.

Loose gravel and rocks – many of the highways and by-ways we travel on have many dirt roads or drive-ways that connect to them. Over time loose rocks and gravel work their way onto the asphalt surface and with changing light conditions and sometimes our distractions trying to view the scenery can seem to come out of nowhere. Obviously the best solution is to identify the risk before you encounter it, but if you

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**Julie & Roy  
Degler  
Ride Educator**

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# NOVEMBER 2013

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2 GA-E, F2, G
3 	4	5 GA-S 	6	7	8	9 GA-B, D  Wind Down
10	11 GA-Q, T 	12	13	14 GA-K, M	15	16 GA-A, C2, J  Wanderer
17	18 GA-O	19	20	21 GA-D2	22	23 GA-B2, E2
24	24	26	27 	28 GA-H, L 	29	30
			Hanukkah	Thanksgiving		

See website for times and locations of Chapter Gatherings. Please call before you visit to confirm date, time and location.

**Georgia Traveler's Plaque: Chapter GA-D**, captured the plaque from GA-T. The plaque will be turned in at Wind Down where the new plaque will make it's debut. Stay tuned to the District website ([www.gwrra-ga.com](http://www.gwrra-ga.com)) for when it will be offered for capture.

**Region A Wanderer: Chapter AL-Y** captured the Region plaque from GA-B2. It will be given away on November 16th at the Historic Irondale Café, 1906 1st Avenue North, Irondale, AL 35210. Eat at 11 AM. Check in for the plaque from 11:30 AM—12:30 PM. (Note: All times are Central Standard, so adjust accordingly.)

## Schedule of Events

- November 9, 2013—Wind Down, Dublin Civitan Club.
- February 15, 2014—GA-S Sweetheart Fun Day, Winder.



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do not....do not panic and stay off the brakes. The same applies if you happen to be riding on a dirt or loose gravel road. No quick jerking type movements and once again, stay off the brakes. Remember back to when you were riding a dirt bike...

this one your riding now is just heavier and does not have the aggressive tires.

Now that we have gotten your attention and started a list, what can you add to it?

So we ask again; "What Time Is It?" All together now...."Safety Time!" Even-

ry minute of every day!

Until next time:

Be Safe—We'll See You On The Road!

*Roy & Julie*



Are you ready for a GdWg Ride?  
Join us next June in Dillard for the  
Georgia District Rally!

## SELECTING YOUR CHAPTER COUPLE OF THE YEAR



**Sid and Donna Cohen**  
**Assistant District Director/  
 Couple of the Year Coordinator**

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Well it is now November and by time this is read either Wind Down will be over or just around the corner, so no since in talking about it anymore. However more importantly November and December is generally the months that most or all chapters really start looking for or selecting their next Chapter Couple of the Year. Remember when selecting your Chapter Couple of the Year it is a way of HONORING that special couple who has worked hard and deserves recognition. It is an *honor* not a job or position. Some ways to recognize that special couple: 1) Make an issue of it. Give them a certificate suitable for framing, flowers for the lady. Use your imagination and make it special & fun. 2) Take their picture and

send it the Georgia Webmaster so we can get it on the web site. 3) If the chapter has the funds, purchase the Couple of the Year package from national and present the items to your couple. You can get the complete package in about 10 days at [www.GWRRRA.org](http://www.GWRRRA.org). Click on GWRRRA Official products, then click on Misc, go to page 2 and scroll until you see the Couple of the Year package. If you have any problems please let me us know and we will help with it. 4) Most Chapters help their couples with a new vest or patches for the old vest. Instead of purchasing a new vest and start the sewing all over again why not purchase them the patches or rockers.

One very important thing

to make sure of is your couple is a current member of GWRRRA. Check both of their membership cards or the ARL and make sure they will be a valid member through the term of the Chapter Couple of the year (one year). Also remember the couple you are selecting must have completed one year membership in GWRRRA. Lastly nowhere in the Couple of the Year Manual does it say the couple has to be married to each other or their significant other. All it says is a Couple must consist of one male and one female.

Hope to see you at Wind Down. Ride Safe and often,

*Sid & Donna*

### A Special Thanks to Our 2013 Couples of the Year!

International —Tommy & Gayle Wilson	GA-B2—Dean & Candace Watts	GA-J—Nick George & Sandy Smith
Region A—Buddy & Kim Summer	GA-D—Buddy & Debbie Bertram	GA-L—Scott & Jackie Whitener
Georgia District—Larry & Pamela Clemmer	GA-E2 Clarence and Pat Taylor	GA-S—Vance & Fern Oakes
GA-A—Bryan & Nina Douglas	GA-H—John & Lynn Hyde	GA-T—Ralph & Debbie Stewart
	GA-I2—Ronnie & Margaret Vaughn	

### Among our sick

Pamela Clemmer's Dad, GA-A & GA COY  
 Julie Degler, GA-A & District Team  
 Kristen Degler, Daughter of Roy & Julie

Phillip Kozlowski, GA-D  
 Dawn Cail, GA-L  
 Dee Lozano, GA-S  
 Dave Andrade, GA-T  
 Sid Harris, GA-T

### In Memory

Colleen Taylor's Dad, GA-D

