# Gold Wing Road Riders Association

# Georgia District

**NEWSLETTER** 

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# MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL AND TO ALL A GOOD YEAR!!

We hope that you have had fun and enjoyed the many activities offered throughout the year at all levels of GWRRA. There was a good turnout for Wind Down and it was the participation of the members that made it a great success. If you were unable to attend, we missed having you there and you missed a good time. There was a lot of good fellowship, food and of course the 2014 District Couple of the Year Selection.

CONGRATULATIONS!! To Vance and Fern Oakes for being selected as the 2014 Georgia District Couple of the Year! We are sure they will do a great job representing the District of Georgia throughout their travels in the next year. A big Thank You goes out to Larry and Pamela Clemmer, Georgia's 2013 Couple of the Year. They have done an outstanding job representing the District of Georgia.

Chapter GA-D was the last Chapter to Priends for Pun. Safety & Knowledge capture the 2013 Georgia District Travelers Plaque. The 2014 GEORGIA RODEO Georgia Dis-2014 Georgia Traveler's Plaque trict Travelers Plaque was presented to Chapter GA-D to start on its journey in January. The

on its journey in January. The retiring 2013 Georgia District Travel-

ers Plaque was awarded to Chapter GA-T along with payment of their 2014 Chapter Charter Fees for capturing the plaque the most times and/or having traveled the most miles.

### **Chilly Willy**

Mark your calendar and join your GWRRA friends on January 18th for some good food, fellowship, fun and prizes at Buckner's Family Restaurant. Located at 1168 Bucksnort Road, Jackson, GA 30233, they will start serving lunch at 10:45am and it is only \$13.25 per person including Tax and Gratuity (CASH ONLY/ NO CREDIT CARDS). Remember Chilly Willy will be followed by the Officers Conference and all Georgia chapter officers are expected to attend.

Remember, there are several Chapters that have or will be rescheduling or canceling their regular Chapter Gathering due to the Holidays. So if you plan to visit another Chapter to please call ahead and verify that the gathering has not been rescheduled or canceled.

We had a good 2013 and look for a great year in 2014. Vicky and I hope that everyone had a Happy and Safe Thanksgiving and we wish you a Merry Christmas!!

Tommy & Vicky



#### COMPLETING ANOTHER TRIP AROUND THE SUN

Well, here we are just about to complete another trip around the sun. We can echo the sentiments that tend to fall back upon at this time of year...."Where did the time go?" "There was so much more we wanted to accomplish!" "Are you kidding me?" Add your own here;

The reality is that you probably did more and accomplished more than you believe that you did. It is human nature to never be completely satisfied. We always feel that we could have done more or we utter that phrase: "If only......" At this point in our journey it makes sense to take time to reflect on all that you have experienced during this year's trip around the sun

It is time to remember the laughs, shed a tear for the ones we have lost, reflect on the blessings that have come your way and believe it or not-the hardships—be thankful for the loved ones in your life, your health, the roof over your head and the food upon your table. Be thankful for the little things. Sometimes life gets tough and you feel that it is more than you can handle; but in the end all of these experiences make us stronger, help us realize who our friends are-who we can count on-and ultimately who we are as individuals. Maybe it doesn't pan out the way you thought it might or could, but we learn from it, pick ourselves up, dust ourselves off and we give it another go

Julie and I are thankful to our extended GWRRA family, and make no mistake about it; you are all a part of our family! We are extremely thankful and privileged to have you in our lives!

We would like to take this opportunity to offer a very heartfelt "thank you" to all of our Rider Education family that help bring the message of safety to you each and every day-to the Chapter Educators, Motorist Awareness Coordinators, Chapter Directors, Newsletter Editor's, fellow District Team members, Region Team members, MEDIC Instructors, Ride Course Instructors, Seminar Presenters, PLP Facilitators, Cake bakers, Safety Chrome merchants / dealers and to each and every one of our GWRRA family-for your embracement and support of Rider Education and Motorist Awareness. Without all of you nothing would get done. It takes a TEAM (Together Everyone Accomplishes More) and we are blessed with a very good team! You all are the reason we accomplish so much here in Georgia!

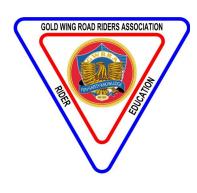
So whether you say; "Merry Christmas," "Happy Hanukah,"

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Julie & Roy Degler Ride Educator

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# DECEMBER 2013

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3 GA-S	4	5	6	7 GA-E, F2, G
8	9 GA-Q,T	10	11	12 GA-K, M	13	Wanderer 14 GA-B, D
15	16 GA- O	17	18	19	20	21 GA-A, C2
22	23	24	25 Christmas Day	26 GA-L	27	Winter
29	30	31 New Years Eve	Ciristilids Day			

Due to holiday schedules, a number of Chapters have made changes to their December gatherings. Please call before you visit to confirm date, time and location. Chapter information can be found on the District website at: http://www.gwrra-ga.com/gagw/Chapter\_Information.html

Georgia Traveler's Plaque: **Chapter GA -D**, captured the plaque from GA-T. The plaque will be given away on January 11th at their regular meeting. Stay tuned for details!

Region A Wanderer: Chapter GA-A captured the Region plaque from AL-Y. It will be given away on December 7th at C.J. Hot Dogs, 101 Eagles Landing Parkway, Stockbridge, GA 30281. Arrive at 12 PM and help pack Hero Boxes for our troops. Eat at 1:00 PM and the plaque will be given away at 2:30 PM.

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"Happy Kwanza,"
"Happy Festivus," or
"Seasons Greetings,
and Happy New Year,"
we wish you and your
loved ones; peace, joy,
laughter, love and
safety from our hearts

to yours!

Hopefully we will be the first to say to you: "See You Next Year!"

Be Safe—We'll See You On The Road!

Roy & Julie

# Schedule of Events

- January 18, 2014—Chili Willy and Officer's Conference, Buckner's Restaurant, Jackson, GA
- February 15, 2014—GA-S Sweetheart Fun Day, Winder, GA.





Are you ready for a GlodVlyfg Rode? Jin us next June in Dillard for the Georgia Detrict Relly!





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

"Most have already identified who that special couple will be. Start honoring them as soon as the announcement is made."

### HONORING YOUR CHAPTER COUPLE OF THE YEAR

Donna and I want to wish everyone a very Happy Holiday season and a prosperous New Year. This is the time of the year that chapters select their next Couple of the Year. Most have already identified who that

special couple will be. Start honoring them as soon as the announcement is made. Take a picture of them and send it to the district web master at webmaster@gwrra-ga.com

Don't forget the next event is our annual Chilly Willy ride and officers conference on January 18th at Buckner's Restaurant in Jackson Georgia.

Sid & Donna

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

International —Tommy & Gayle Wilson

Region A—Buddy & Kim Summer

Georgia District—Larry & Pamela Clemmer

GA-A—Bryan & Nina Douglas GA-B2—Dean & Candace Watts

GA-D—Buddy & Debbie Bertram

GA-E2 Clarence and Pat Taylor

GA-H—John & Lynn Hyde

GA-I2—Ronnie & Margaret Vaughn GA-J—Nick George & Sandy Smith

GA-L—Scott & Jackie Whitener

GA-S-Vance & Fern Oakes

GA-T—Ralph & Debbie Stewart

## ANOTHER BENEFIT OF YOUR GWRRA MEMEBERSHIP

# BIG BIKE PARTS® Leading Designer & Distributor of Cruising & Touring Accessories

Big Bike Parts has found a way to benefit GWRRA's members. GWRRA members now receive a 10% discount on the price of any accessory purchased direct from www.bigbikeparts.com on all of Big Bike Parts product lines, including: Show Chrome Accessories, UltraGard Covers, Hopnel Soft Goods, Prairie Dog ATV products and TireGard TPMS Systems. All that is needed is entering the special GWRRA coupon code "BBP01GWRRA" at checkout.



## Among our sick

Mandi Clemmer, daughter-in-law of Larry & Pamela Clemmer, GA-A Julie Degler, GA-A & District Team Tracy Hunter, GA-D Barry Owens, GA-O Dee Lozano, GA-S

#### In Memory

Barbara Thayer's Father, GA-A Larry Cates Father, GA-F2 Carlos Lozano's Father, GA-S