

Georgia District

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Plans For The Wing Fling Rodeo

We are really excited to be returning to the Dillard House Convention Center in June for the 2014 Wing Fling RODEO. We sure hope that you have made plans to join us for all the fun and exciting festivities that the Georgia District Team has planned for you. On Thursday evening the World Renowned Dillard House Family Restaurant will provide an unbelievable all you can eat Bar-B-Q Buffet Dinner with some awesome cobblers and pies for desserts, which is included with your full Rally Registration. Not to mention that North Georgia offers some of the best motorcycle riding in the United States and maybe even the WORLD. Motorcyclists have traveled for thousands of miles just to ride The Dragon at Deals Gap, as well as other well known mountain roads in the area. The best way to enjoy a GWRRR Rally is to participate in as many ways as you possibly can. There will be plenty to do, such as educational seminars, games, contest, bike show, ven-

dors, ice cream, talent show, Chapter Challenge and District Challenge. So, if you haven't already made you plans to attend the Georgia District Rally, don't delay register today!

We attended the Alabama District Rally and we had a great time. Robert, Gail and their entire Alabama District Team did an outstanding job and put on a great event. Congratulations to Dewey and Alice Cole for being selected as the 2014 Alabama District Couple of the Year.

Now we will be off to the South Carolina District Rally in just a few days on May 1st -3rd, in Florence S. C., and then to the upcoming Georgia Chapter Events; Chapter T's Spring Fling May 10th, Chapter R's Picnic May 17th and Chapter D's Motorist Awareness Event May 17th. We hope to see you at one or all of these events.

Ride Safe,

Tommy & Vicky

MAY IS...

Motorist Awareness and Motorcycle Safety month! (We say every month is Motorist Awareness and Motorcycle Safety month!) This is the time of year that the Federal, State and Local governments “Kick it up a Notch” (borrow from Emeril Lagasse) promoting these very worthwhile causes to the public; cycling them to the forefront if you will.

It was just the other day while perusing the internet that we discovered a new study’s findings (soon to be released) about today’s workforce and productivity. The results were staggering and, we believe, cross over into everything that makes up our society today.

Here are two proposed findings that jumped right out of the article:

- 1) The average office worker’s attention span is now being measured at 7 minutes.
- 2) The average office worker checks their smart phone 150 times per day.

Obviously when dealing with averages there is; a percentage that is much lower than the reported

number, but remember there is also a percentage that is much higher than that number! It truly appears that for many, their cell phone has become their life. If this is going on in the workforce think about what is going on outside of work.

Think about this: using your own eyes and observations, would you agree that our society’s current reliance on our smart phones and tablets is reaching epidemic proportions? Restaurant dinner tables, doctors waiting rooms, grocery store check-out lines...the list goes on and on, and we have all observed it, or worse yet, participate ourselves.

It has become commonplace to see drivers using their phones all the time. Even with bill boards, TV commercials and print ad’s all decrying the dangers of driving and texting, more and more are doing it every day. We have even observed more than one motorcyclist texting and riding!

Make no mistake; this is a shift in the way we interact and behave as a society. It appears that these actions are being accepted as normal behavior by

more and more people; ultimately desensitizing us to the very nature of the problem or into believing that there is no problem at all.

Our mission in spreading the word about Motorcycle Safety and Motorist Awareness is more important now than ever before! “Share the Road” is our battle cry and “Distracted Driving” is our enemy—or maybe more to the point—“Distracted Life”.

What can we do? You can help us continue to make the roads a safer place for all; so that we can continue to ride our magnificent machines to places we have never been before and most importantly, return home safely, with nothing but fond memories of our amazing adventures.

How? By “Building Motorist Awareness One Motorist at a Time!” and, maybe more importantly, leading by example. Our children and grandchildren, parents, friends, neighbors, co-workers—all watch what we do and how we act. Do we practice what we preach? If our kids see us texting and driving then that is a signal to them that it is ok to do and more im-

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**Julie & Roy
Degler
Ride Educator**

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3 GA-E, F2
4	5	6 GA-S	7	Two Wheel ARC, Rome		
				South Carolina District Convention/Rally		
11	12 GA- Q, T	13	14	8 GA-K, M	9	10 GA-B, D
18	19 GA- O	20	21	15 GA-D2	16	GA-T Fun Day
25	26 	27 GA-R	28	22 GA-H, L	23	17 GA-A, C2, I2, J
	Memorial Day			29	30	GA-D MA & GA-R Picnic
						24 GA-B2, E2
						31
						Chapter Leadership Program

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

Georgia Traveler's Plaque: Chapter GA-B2 retained possession of the Georgia Traveler's plaque. It was given away on April 26th, after our newsletter publication deadline. Details on the date, location and time the new owners will offer the plaque for capture will be posted soon on the District website at www.gwrra-ga.com—so stay tuned!

Region A Wanderer: The Wanderer was also offered for capture on April 26th by **FL1-A**. As this too is after our newsletter publication deadline, you will need to check the Region website (www.gwrra-regiona.org) for the latest information on location, date and time.

Schedule of Events

- ☐ May 1-3—South Carolina Convention/Rally, Florence
- ☐ May 2-3—Two Wheel ARC, Rome
- ☐ May 10—GA-T Fun Day
- ☐ May 17—GA-D Motorist Awareness Event, Cumming
- ☐ May 17—GA-R Fun Day Proctor landing, Acworth
- ☐ May 31—Chapter Leadership Program, Leesburg
- ☐ June 12-14—Wing Fling, Georgia Convention/Rally, Dillard
- ☐ June 26—Chapter Life Program, Forsyth
- ☐ July 2-5—Wing Ding, Madison, WI
- ☐ August 29 & 31—Weekend at the Opry, Nashville, TN
- ☐ September 11-13—Region A Convention/Rally, Eufaula, AL
- ☐ October 16-18—Mississippi Convention/Rally, Gulfport

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importantly something they will probably do also.

Support your community and GWRRA as we continue to spread the word

about something that is very near and dear to all of our hearts. Working together we can make a difference. Remember; Motorist Awareness and Motorcycle Safety are a part of

our everyday lives!

Until next time: Be Safe—We'll See You On The Road!

Roy & Julie

Have you registered for Wing Fling yet? The deadline (May 31st) for enjoying the benefits of

pre-registration are fast approaching.

Just thinking about that famous Dillard House Thursday night dinner is making my mouth water!

And we have a special deal on rally shirts that is only available to those that pre-register.

You won't want to miss out, so don't delay, register today!





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

"The stage is being set for the next Region 'A' Couple of the Year..."



Jim & Kay Elrod
**Assistant District Director
 Vendor Coordinator**



ON COUPLES AND RALLIES

May is here and so is spring! What a great time to get out and ride. Make your plans to enjoy the season. I feel an average day on your bike is better than a great day at work.

The stage is being set for the next Region "A" Couple of the Year. We want to congratulate Tom and Linda Mitchell, Florida Couple of the Year and Alabama's Couple of the Year, Dewey and Alice Cole. They will be competing against your couple, Vance and Fern Oaks, in September in Eufaula, Alabama for new Region "A" Couple of

the Year. Hope to see you rooting for them in Eufaula.

The next convention/rally for Region "A" is South Carolina—May 1st through 3rd. After that, you guessed it, the Georgia rally in Dillard. The rooms at the Dillard House are filled. Make your reservations at the alternate host hotel and the others in the area. You can leave your name at the Dillard house in the event a room opens up. Remember all bakers and want to be bakers. The goodie contest is

Saturday June 14th. The rules are on the web site. We have searched high and low for the best judges. So make plans to enter. We are also looking forward to your chapter Couple of the Year baskets. What chapter will have the largest. They all count and are appreciated. The funds raised by the basket helps offset your District Couples with their travel expenses during the year. We'll see you soon.

Ride safe and often,

Sid & Donna

GOOD TIMES

Hello fellow Gold Wing-ers!

We started out in April with a great ride to the Alabama Rally. We had a great time and made some new friends; if you did not get to go, you missed a good time. We also went to the Tennessee Rally on Saturday the 29th and again had a great time.

Now we are in May and starting off with the South Carolina Rally. If you get a chance and never have been to a Rally, you need to go and see what fun you can have.

The weather is finally in our favor, so get out there and ride with your chapter or with other Chapters. If you want to have

fun, visit other Chapters and make new friends.

You know our motto – Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge.

Hope to see you down the road. So ride safe and have fun.

Jim & Kay

Among our sick

Roy Degler, GA Team/
 GA-A

Peg Hopkins, GA Team/
 GA-A

Donald Taylor, GA-D

James Oliver, GA-L
 Erin Cohen, daughter-in-law of Sid & Donna Cohen, GA Team /GA-S

In Memory

Bruce Gregory, GA-I2
 Mother of Joanna Self, GA-S