

# Georgia District

NEWSLETTER

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## All Around Georgia

September is here and hopefully dryer, cooler temperatures. August has brought us some hot and wet riding conditions, but it did not dampen the riding spirits of the GWRRA Members. There were approximately 150 in attendance at the Chop House restaurant in Madison, GA when GA-T gave away the Georgia District Travelers Plaque and the Region A Wanderer Plaque on Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>. GA-B2 captured the Georgia District Plaque and AL-T captured the Region A Plaque.

There were also approximately 150 members in attendance at GA - D's Rodeo Fun Day in Buford, GA. They had three drill teams perform at their event. The Florida, North Carolina and Chapter D's very own Precision Drill Team and they all did an outstanding job. There was some on bike games for the members to participate in and every seemed to have fun doing that as well. It was very kind of GA-B2 to bring the Georgia District Travelers Plaque and make it available for capture at Chapter D's Event. GA-A was the capturing Chapter of the Plaque and will be offering it for capture on Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>. Visit the Georgia District Website

(www.gwrra-ga.com) for the full details. Remember the Chapter that has captured the 2014 Georgia Traveler's Plaque the most times during the year will receive the retiring plaque and the District will pay the 2015 chartering fee for that Chapter. There is still time for your Chapter to get involved and in the running to possibly get your Chapter Charter fees paid and Get the Retiring Plaque.

In just a couple of weeks we will be heading to Eufaula, AL for the Region A Rally. Vance and Fern Oakes, your current Georgia District Couple of the Year will be participating in the Region A Couple of the Year selection. Please come on out and show your support for your Georgia District Couple as they represent you and your District.

Once again Georgia is responsible for manning the hospitality room. So, if you will be attending we could sure use your help for a couple of hours in the hospitality room. We are so fortunate to have Georgia Members that are willing to

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## OH, WELL...THE BEST LAID PLANS

All of us I am sure remember the Rolling Stones (we cannot be showing our age, right?); back in the day they had a hit song entitled; *"Time Is On My Side"*. Folks, we are here to tell you that is pure myth! We had this great idea about a column called; "Asleep at the Wheel" – look for it next month – ike we said; the best laid plans...

So, we decided to have a little fun this month. As we were catching up on our reading (Thank you Jim Thomas GA-A) an article stood out in the *June 2014* issue of: *Rider* magazine. It was written by their resident Safety guru; Eric Trow and is entitled: *"You Can Quote Me On This"*. (Pages 26 & 27) In this article he takes quotes from history and ties them to Riding Safely.

Additionally he refers to the *"Hurt Study"* (you have seen it mentioned in this column before) and indicates that even being three decades old it is still relevant today. If you are not familiar with it he strongly recommends

looking it up in Wikipedia and making sure to check out the 55-point list of findings.

Anyway, he ties quotes from history to motorcycle Safety. Rather than repeat his article here we suggest that you locate a copy of *Rider* and check out his work. He is a very talented individual! What we decided to do was use the quotes from his article and let you put your own meaning to them in relationship to Motorcycle or Trike Safety. Without further fanfare, here we go – you might get a kick out of who is actually credited for the quote

*"Most folks are as happy as they make up their minds to be."* – Abraham Lincoln

*"A penny saved is a penny earned."* – Ben Franklin

*"Fool me once, shame on you. Fool me twice, shame on me."* – Chinese Proverb

*"Those who don't know history are destined to repeat it."* – Edmund Burke (18<sup>th</sup> century Brit-

ish statesman)

*"The school of hard knocks is an accelerated curriculum."* – Menander (ancient Greek dramatist)

*"Riding is really simple, but we insist on making it complicated."* – a play on a Confucius quote substituting the word "Riding" for "Life".

*"I don't know the key to success, but the key to failure is trying to please everybody."* - Bill Cosby

We are sure you can tie a correlation from the quote to Motorcycle/Trike Safety. In reality there is no right or wrong answer. The key is to ultimately make our passion safer and minimize the risk. Remember; it ultimately comes down to each of us and what we bring to the sport.

Be Safe—We'll See You On The Road!

*Roy & Julie*



**Julie & Roy  
Degler  
Ride Educator**

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## WHO ARE PAMELA AND LARRY CLEMMER?

We want to introduce ourselves to you as the new Georgia Assistant District Directors for the south part of Georgia. That means that we will be visiting the six chapters in South Georgia, which are St. Marys, Hinesville, Albany, Savannah, Tifton, and Moultrie. We hope to help you facilitate any of the chapters' needs. We will also visit some other chapters when we can.

Well, who are we? First of all, we are ordinary people and your friends. Pamela is retired from the US Department of Education and Larry is retired from the US Air Force, but now works for FAA—at least for the next 3 years. We live in Jonesboro, GA and participate in Georgia Chapter A in McDonough, GA. We have five children between us, all grown, and 2 granddaughters. We have been married 10 years and joined GWRRA together in 2005.

We were Chapter Directors of Georgia Chapter A until May 2014. We stepped up to the District Team at Wing Fling in Dillard in June 2014. We

are also the 2013 Georgia District Couple of the Year. Before that, Larry served as the ride coordinator for Chapter A and then as Assistant Chapter Director. Pamela was the Chapter Secretary and then Assistant Director. We are also Trainers for leadership, rider education, and membership enhancement.

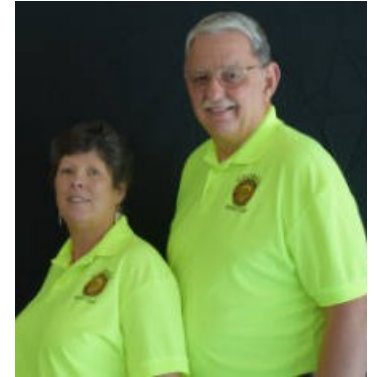
As Chapter Directors of the largest chapter in Georgia, we learned a lot about the needs of a growing chapter. We learned that you must incorporate FUN! We learned that you have to have ways to earn funds. We learned that you need lots of rides, and lots of training for safety. We are familiar with the other areas such as membership enhancement, motorist awareness, and ride education. We have worked on several occasions with membership enhancement and recruitment at Wing Ding, and we have always pushed for more motorist awareness through options such as the National Safety Night Out in conjunction with the fire, EMC, and police departments and

Safety Breaks at the rest stop on interstate 75 during Bike Week in Florida.

We have a special place in our hearts for GWRRA and its members, and we think it is a great organization! We have lots and lots of friends! We want to step in and help where and when we are needed. We want you to run your chapter. We just want to help if you will accept our help and suggestions. We have seen Chapter A grow by at least 10 new members a year and we think other chapters can do the same. We realize that some of you are small, but that is okay. There are ways to work with a small group efficiently and help you grow and most of all enjoy GWRRA and have fun! Hopefully, we can schedule some time to talk and determine how you are doing and if you need anything. Remember, we are here to facilitate your needs.

We hope to meet you soon, and please know you are our friends and we want to help if you need us.

*Pamela & Larry*





**Pamela & Larry  
Clemmer  
Assistant  
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Directors**

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# SEPTEMBER 2014

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1  HAPPY LABOR DAY!	2 GA-S	3	4	5	6 GA-E, F2  Traveler
7	8 GA-Q, T	9	10	11 GA-K, M	12	13 GA-B, D
				Region A Rally		
14	15 GA-O	16	17	18 GA-D2	19	20 GA-A, C2, I2, J
21	22	23 GA-R 	24	25 GA-H, L	26	27 GA-B2, E2  Advanced Leadership Program
28	29	30				

## Schedule of Events

- September 11-13—Region A Convention/Rally, Eufaula, AL
- September 27—Advanced Leadership Program, Fayetteville
- October 4—GA-Q Dessert Auction & BBQ, Warner Robins
- October 11—Rider Education Seminars, Fayetteville
- October 16-18—Mississippi Convention/Rally, Gulfport
- October 25—GA-A's Fun Day, Forsyth
- November 8—Georgia Wind Down Perry
- November 15-16—Horizons Warner Robins
- March 19-21, 2015—Florida Convention/Rally, Kissimmee
- July 16-18, 2015—South Carolina District Convention/Rally, Anderson  
**Note: New date and location!**
- May 14-16, 2015—Alabama District Convention/Rally, Eufaula
- June 18-20, 2015—Georgia District Convention/Rally—Gold Wing Dynasty

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-A** captured the plaque from GA-B2 and will be offering it up on September 6th. Ride on out to Ben's Seafood and Steaks, 1412 N Express Way, Griffin, GA 30223. Sign in and eating 11:00 AM—12:30 PM. Plaque awarded at 1:20 PM

**Region A Wanderer:** Was captured by FL1-G and was pulled from service. Come on out to the Region A Rally to see where it will go next!

## All Around Georgia

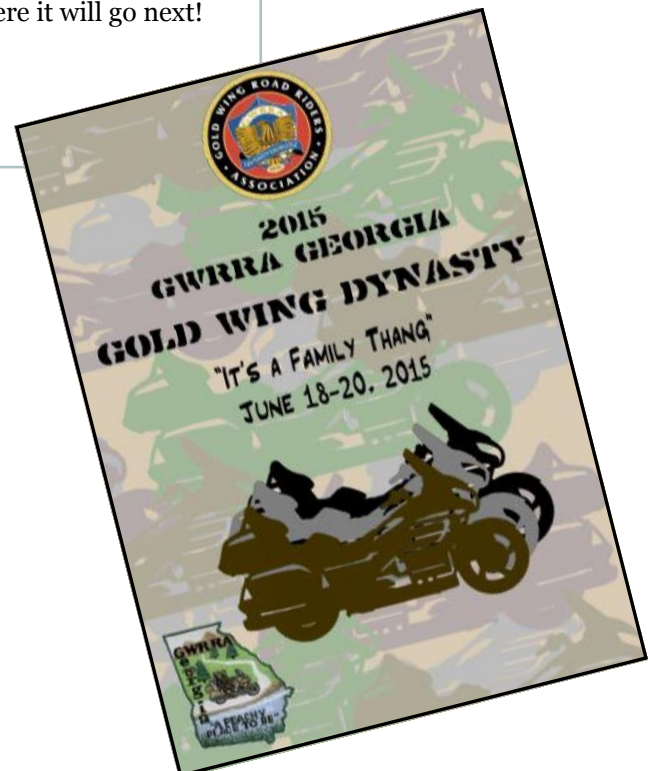
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help us out and we truly appreciate your dedication and support. Vicky will be making a work schedule as we always do so, if you can help out please email her at georgiadd@gwrra-

ga.com and we will place you on the schedule.

We look forward to seeing you all at the Region A Rally.

*Tommy & Vicky*





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**Assistant District  
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### SUPPORTING OUR GEORGIA COUPLE OF THE YEAR

It certainly has been a mild summer, great for riding. I would like to congratulate chapter D for a well-planned event on August 16<sup>th</sup>. All three drill teams did a wonderful job and their food was great fresh, tasty and plenty of it. This is the month, the region "A" Rallyvention in Eufaula Alabama. For most chapters it is a day ride. Let's cheer on Vance and Fern Oaks your dis-

trict couple of the year as they go for the region couple of the year. They have represented Georgia well and deserve our support.

We are setting the stage for Wind Down. It will be in Perry Georgia at the Arts Center. That's the old Armor at 1121 Macon Road (Hwy 41). Remember this is the last event of the year and it is free. We will be honoring all the

Chapter Couples of the year and our District Couple. More information is on the Georgia Web Site. You can also check with your Chapter director.

Hope to see you there. Remember the first step to have fun is be involved .

Ride safe and often,

*Sid & Donna*

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### Join us at the Region A Rally to support Georgia's 2014 Couple Of The Year Vance & Fern Oakes



### Congratulations to our 2014 Couples of the Year!

International —Tommy & Gayle Wilson

GA-A—Don & Sharon Jenkins

GA-H—Jeff & Maud Verner

Region A—Buddy & Kim Summer

GA-B2—Walter & Linda Wiggs

GA-I2—Larry & Linda Watkins

Georgia District—Vance and Fern Oates

GA-D—Mike & Nancy Lynbery

GA-J—Mike & Peg Jones

GA-S—Glenn & Sherry Wisdom



### Among our sick

Bonnie McCroskey, GA-A

Diane Harden, GA-Q

Donald Taylor, GA-D

Laura Sue Fleming

David Newby, GA-L

Gary Verhulst, GA-S

### In Memory

Mary Lynberg, Mother of Mike Lynberg, GA-D

John Wildes, GA-E

Greg Deutsch, rally circuit engraver