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From Hot Fun to Cool Riding

The Region A Rally was as always outstanding! When we arrived on Thursday morning the temps were already in the 90's and the humidity was right up there with the temperature, but the high temps and humidity did not slow down the fun. It just so happened, Georgia was in charge of the *very cool* Hospitality Room and we had some outstanding help taking care of it. A big THANK YOU goes out to Bill & Betty Livingston, John & Shelia Andrews, Bob & Sheila Olander, Gary & Juanita Rackley, Ken and Anita Maynard, Dave & Sharon Aikens, Gene & Jeanette Krattli, Michael (Woody) Whitlock and last but not least the Georgia District Team for helping out with the hospitality room.



visiting with all our GW friends, participating in the games. Oh and the District Directors Challenge, that was something else. The guys had to toss two balls into the ladies cup after tying her to the chair with streamer ribbon. You really had to be there. But it was fun and I think that the audience had as much or more fun with it as we did.

The Couple of the Year Selection was awesome! Vance and Fern Oakes did an outstanding job representing the District of Georgia in the Couple of the Year Selection. I must say I have never seen Fern talk that much since I have known her, but she led the way and they both did an outstanding job. Congratulations to Alabama District Couple, Dewey & Alice Cole the new Region A Couple of the Year. And our own Georgia Chapter D's Newsletter was selected as the 2014 Region A Newsletter—Congratulations Roadrunners!

Well fall has officially arrived and with lower temperatures and it is none too soon. We always look forward to the cooler temps and beautiful color change of the leaves that the fall weather brings. It makes for some great riding weather and it just so happens, Chapter E2 has the District Travelers Plaque up for grabs in Pooler, GA on Saturday Sept. 27th and Chapter Q's Bar-B-Q and Dessert Auction is coming up real soon on October 4th. So get out there and enjoy this beautiful riding weather, as you ride and support your sister Chapter's.

Don't forget to mark the date November 8th, 2014 for Wind

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WHERE DO THE PINE TREES END!

Hi everybody! We are still around. We have been riding throughout south Georgia among all the pine trees. Where do the pine trees end! Now I know why forestry is a big industry in south Georgia. Well, for us, the trees ended in three towns while we attended three of our GWRRA Georgia Chapter meetings. We had nice visits with Chapters K, C2 and O.

We arrived at Chapter K's meeting in Saint Mary's Georgia after a very long trip south past Savannah. They are only 2 miles from the Florida line! Chapter K had eleven people at the meeting and were very, very welcoming and glad to see that someone in District would be representing them. The Chapter Directors were on vacation celebrating their anniversary, but we were able to meet with the Assistant Directors and the members. They don't get many visitors since they are located so far south, so I want to encourage all of you to visit them. They are a small, but active chapter with a great meeting place! They want to grow, and they meet in a very nice vacation area of Georgia near Cumberland Island and would love to have all of you visit the area and attend their

meeting at the Riverside Cafe on the 2nd Thursday night. Hey, that goes for chapters in Florida too! And, the pine trees give way to marsh land and beach!

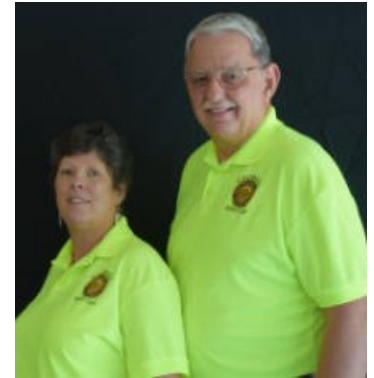
Chapter C2 in Hinesville, GA is another small chapter we visited. Most of them had just gotten back from a ride to Wing Ding and the surrounding area, and we thought we had a long way to go! They also meet at the Golden Corral. They welcomed us to their meeting, and we had a good time. They have a breakfast ride every Saturday morning, and their meeting is at 5:00 pm on the 3rd Saturday. Hinesville is near Fort Stewart, so visit if you can.

Our last visit was to Chapter O in Tifton. Have you ever driven from Savannah to Tifton on the back roads? Well, let us tell you, there are lots and lots of pine trees. As Pamela rode on the back of the motorcycle, she exclaimed, "Where do the pine trees end!" We did finally get to Tifton and checked into our hotel. Chapter O also meets at a Golden Corral, which happened to be next door to our hotel. Yeah! No more riding through the trees for a while. We attended the meeting of 12 people and had a great time.

This chapter does a lot of rides and visits in conjunction with other chapters such as Chapter M in Moultrie and Chapter H in Albany. They have a fairly new GWRRA member as the Director, and we thought he was doing a great job! Visit when you go south. They meet just off interstate 75 on the 3rd Monday at 6:30 pm.

Well, if anyone is in the forestry industry, I apologize now for dissing your trees. South Georgia is a rural area with lots of forestry, farms and small towns. These chapters don't have all of the amenities we may have around Atlanta, but they are located in nice towns, and they have motorcycle riders and nice places which to ride! They have great places to meet and lots of room to grow. Please visit and encourage these chapters to grow and be active in GWRRA! We hope to visit more, but we can't do it all. Like someone in Chapter K said "we don't get many visitors, we think GWRRA forgets about us". Please visit, send an idea for their newsletter or rider education, make a phone call to say hello, help anyway you can and make all of these chapters feel welcome to be a part of our fine organization. After all, we are all Friends of Fun, Safety and Knowledge.

Pamela & Larry





**Pamela & Larry
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Assistant
District
Directors**

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4 GA-E
						GA-Q Dessert Auction & BBQ
5	6	7 GA-S	8	9 GA-K, M	10	11 GA-B, D
						RE Seminar
12	13 GA-Q, T  Columbus Day	14	15	16 GA-D2	17	18 GA-A, C2, I2, J
				Mississippi Rally, Gulfport		
19	20 GA-O	21	22	23 GA-H, L	24	25 GA-B2, E2
						GA-A Fun Day
26	27	28 GA-R	29	30	31 	

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-E2 captured the plaque from GA-A and will be offering it up on September 27th. Ride on out to Western Sizzlin, 230 E. Hwy 80, Pooler, GA 31322. Eat at 3 PM, Meet at 4:00 PM. Sign in no later than 4:15 PM

Region A Wanderer: Chapter FL2-G will be giving away the Wanderer on October 18th at their Yellow Jackets Annual Pancake Breakfast. Sun Sports Cycle & Watercraft, 3441 Colonial Blvd., Ft. Myers, FL. 9:00—11:00 AM

Schedule of Events

- 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

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Down. We will be at a new location at the Perry Arts Center, Perry GA. It will be a fun filled time of socializing with your GWRRA Friends; all Current Georgia Chapter Couples will be recognized as our Special Guest. There will also be games,

door prizes and a swap table. There is no admission fee and lunch will be provided by the Georgia District in appreciation of the members' support throughout the year. We hope to see you there.

The 2014 Georgia Traveler's Plaque will be retired and the

new 2015 Georgia Traveler's Plaque will be unveiled and presented to the Chapter with the most Plaque Attack Captures/Points. 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.

Hope to see you on the Road Soon,

Tommy & Vicki



**Vance & Fern
Oakes**
2014 Georgia
Couple of the Year

A NOTE FROM GEORGIA'S C.O.Y.

Our time as your Georgia District Couple of the Year will be drawing to a close at Wind Down in Perry in November. The time has gone by very quickly and we have had a blast representing you and have made a lot of new friends this year.

We want to thank everyone who went to the Region A Convention in Eufaula and cheered us on

as we tried to become the Region A Couple of the Year. It was good to hear you as we went on stage. We were not selected, but the couple who was – Dewey & Alice Cole of Alabama District – was very deserving and will represent the region well.

To those Chapters who do not participate in the Couple of the Year process we want to encourage you to

start naming a couple. Surely there is someone in your chapter who goes above and beyond to help out and shows enthusiasm for the chapter. Even if it is the Chapter Director, someone is working to keep the chapter going. All they have to do as Chapter COY is just enjoy themselves.

Vance & Fern



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

MAKING PLANS FOR PERRY AND YOUR C.O.Y.

We are fresh back from the Region "A" RallyVention in Eufaula Alabama at the beautiful Lake Point Lodge Resort. For those who could not make it you missed something special. Vance and Fern Oakes your District Couple of the Year did a fantastic job representing Georgia during the Region selection process. We wish to thank the Georgia members who made the trip to support them. We would like to congratulate Dewey and

Alice Cole from Alabama, they are your Region "A" Couple of the Year. This years selection was a hoot. Laughter started before the selection process and lasted well after it was over. Our Region Couple of the Year Coordinators Rick and Madalena Buck did an outstanding job as the events Master of Ceremonies. As everyone should know by now the year is winding down. That means one thing, yep you guessed it Wind

Down is set. We are going to Perry Georgia at the old Armor on Macon Rd on November 8th. If you are planning an overnight ride to Wind Down check with your Chapter Director they have a complete list of nice affordable places to stay in Perry. Please make plans to join us, it is free to attend. We will be honoring all Chapter Couples.

Ride safe and often,

Sid & Donna



Jim & Kay Elrod
Assistant
District Director
Vendor
Coordinator

JUST LIKE FAMILY.

By the time you receive this article we have had the Region 'A' convention and the Wings over the Smokies. All the events I have attended have been fun, and I have met some very nice people whom I believe I can now call

friends - is it not what GWRRA stands for? To me it is one happy family. Sure we get upset and argue now and then. Just like a family we must forgive and go on being friends and have fun. Really life is too short, so be

happy and have fun. That is what GWRRA Members do.

The weather is just right, so get out there and ride, have fun and most of all be safe. Till the next time!

Jim & Kay