



Gold Wing Road Riders Association

# Georgia District

NEWSLETTER

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## From Wind Down to Chilly Willy

We hope everyone had a safe and Happy Thanksgiving, with all the Turkey, fine side dishes and desserts that you could eat. We also wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

For those of you that missed Wind Down, we just want you to know that we missed you! I want go into a lot of details, but the District Team served Chili and all the fixings to go with it, there were games involving the CD's and everyone else. The Georgia Chapter Couples of the Year were recognized and presented Certificates.

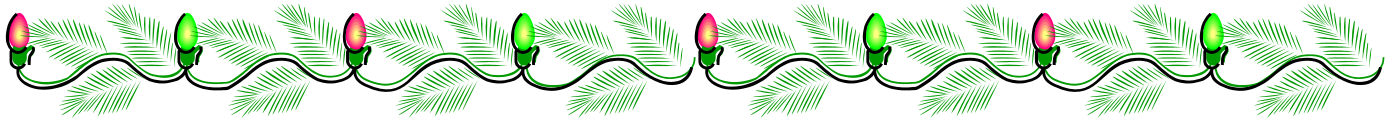
There was one major change from years past; we did not have a chapter couple to participate in the 2015 Georgia District Couple of the Year selection process. It is very unfortunately, but I believe that the Couple of the Year Program has been misunderstood by many in the past. The Chapter Director should select the chapter couple based on the guidelines within the GWRRA Couple of the Year Manual. It is very simple, but you do have to open the manual and read it. It is a real honor to be selected as your Chapter Couple of the Year. Being selected as chapter couple is not a position or a job; it is an honor that the chapter bestows upon a couple for their commitment, service and dedication to the chapter. If you receive this honor, receive it with pride, enthusiasm and enjoy your time as Chapter Couple of the Year. Then if you so desire, represent your chapter in the District Couple of the Year selection, you won't regret it.

## Chilly Willy

The Georgia District Annual Officers Conference will be on January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015 and will once again be held in conjunction with the Chilly Willy Ride to Buckner's Family Restaurant, located at 1168 Bucksnot Road Jackson, GA 30233. This is an Officers Conference that we are required to hold and attend annually to discuss the business side of GWRRA. All District and Chapter Officers/Team Members should be in attendance at this conference. The Chapters Financial Report will also be due and should be turn it in at the Conference as well. I know that this date will conflict with the same day as some Chapter Gatherings, unfortunately this is unavoidable. So, I am doing my best to give you plenty of notice and asking that the Chapters affected please make arrangements to reschedule your Monthly Gathering to allow the Members to ride to Chilly Willy and Chapter Officers/Team Members also attend the conference. So please mark your calendars and plan to join us for Chilly Willy.

**Chilly Willy** is the first District Event of the year, where we have a ride in to Buckner's Family Restaurant for lunch before the Officers Conference. The restaurant will start serving lunch at 11:00 am. In the past Buckner's has only accepted cash payment. Well they now accept credit card payment but it is at a slightly higher price. Here is the breakdown on prices, which include

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## HONORING YOUR COUPLE OF THE YEAR

The year is coming to an end in a few short weeks, and there is one more task that needs to be completed. It is time for each chapter to honor one of their couples by selecting a Chapter Couple of the Year. We are sure every chapter has a couple who have been active and supported the chapter during 2014. Remember you are honoring a couple and saying "Thank You." They do not have to do anything but be themselves, proudly wear their medallions and be ambassadors for your chapter. If the couple wishes to visit other chapters, attend rally's or compete for District Couple of the Year, it is entirely up to them. Visiting other chapters, rally's or competing for District Couple is not criteria for selection and selection is *not* a job. It is an honor.

Selecting your Chapter Couple of the Year *is not* an election and you should not ask the couple if they want to be Couple of the Year. The couple is selected by the Chapter Director who may solicit input from the chapter team and/or members, if

they so desire. The Chapter Director is the final decision maker.

It is best that the couple do not know they have been selected until it is announced at a chapter function, usually the chapter Christmas party. It should be a surprise that is announced with a lot of fanfare – drum roll, flashing lights and confetti. They should be presented with a certificate, medallions, and flowers. Make the presentation a big show. The previous year chapter couple should be part of the ceremony.

We really cannot think of a good reason why every chapter should not have a 2015 Couple of the Year. We hope to see 100% of the Georgia District chapters participate in the Couple of the Year Program.

Peg and I can tell you, it is a great Honor to be selected as Chapter and District Couple of the Year. We had a lot of FUN and some of the best times we've had as members of GWRRA. As a result our circle of friends expanded

exponentially. We had a blast!! Remember once a Couple of the Year, always a Couple of the Year – ever "former" or "past". You are "Couple of the Year."

Always recognize all Couples of the Year present at your chapter functions, showing them you are proud of their contribution to your chapter.

On another note, GW University has excellent Couple of the Year seminars that you can schedule. Each seminar is about an hour. All you have to do is pick a couple of dates, secure a location let us know, and we will do the rest. We will assign a trainer and you will be off and running. We have several Certified Membership Enhancement Program Trainers, so it should not be a problem accommodating your request

If you have any questions or need any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are here to help. Don't be shy.

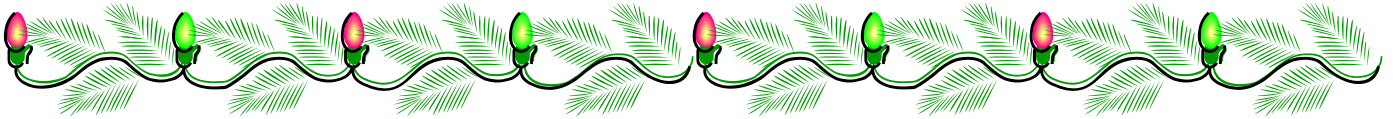
*Dick & Peg*



**Dick & Peg  
Hopkins**  
**MEC Coordinator**  
**Couple of the Year**  
**Coordinator**  
**Chapter of the**  
**Year Coordinator**

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### THE NEWSLETTER

In the newsletter, we can find the number of Pam's Mary Kay consultant, there is news about the upcoming plaque attack, and there is a game to play! Hey, our friend has an anniversary coming up, so we need to send her an e-card. The ride schedule is there for next month, so we can plan ahead. Oh yes! Wing Ding is in Huntsville so we need to make reservations! Oh dear, look at Larry with that funny clown outfit! They are having fun! We should have gone. We should share the recipe for apple pie. We loved the one in last month's newsletter. Hey, I see a good question—what is the most dangerous weather condition for a motorcyclist? The answer is surprising – it's a dry road. We let our guard down

somewhat when it is dry and sunny.

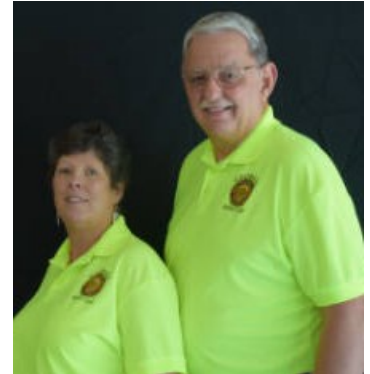
Our chapter newsletter is where we all go to learn about the FUN going on in our chapter and GWRRA! It is where we go to find out about safety and determine what courses are offered in rider education and leadership. It is where we enjoy looking at the pictures of our friends, some serious and some totally hilarious! There are a hundred little things you can learn from a newsletter—that is the purpose, to keep informed.

Don't think of the newsletter as a requirement because it is really a tool to help a chapter thrive. We enjoy printing off the newsletter each month and finding out who said what. We take our hard

copies of the newsletter and hand it out to those who don't have a computer. They look forward to it. Also, we hand it out to new prospective members so they can learn what we do and how much fun we have doing it!

Yes, our chapter newsletter is lengthy, but it does not have to be. A good newsletter is about quality not quantity. Just list the fun you had and the fun you are going to have. Identify your chapter and its team and get articles from MEC, Rider Education, and your chapter director. Oh yes, and be sure to credit GWRRA with the logo and name. It can be fun and help your chapter grow and thrive! Need help? Let us know.

*Larry & Pam*



**Pamela & Larry  
Clemmer  
Assistant  
District  
Directors**

***“Our chapter newsletter is where we all go to learn about the FUN going on in our chapter and GWRRA!”***

### Another Benefit of your GWRRA Membership

Well, Wind Down is over and I believe everyone that attended had a great time—I know I did. While this is the end of the Georgia District season, don't let that stop you; if the weather is nice by all

means get out there and ride .

The Holiday season is here and Kay and I want to wish each and every one of you a Happy Thanksgiving and a very Merry Christmas, but first and foremost let's

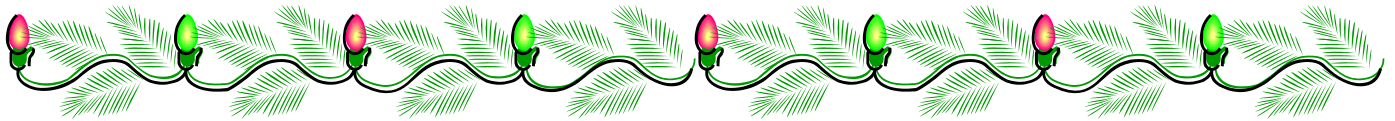
not forget the true meaning of Christmas.

**HAPPY  
HOLIDAY'S**





*Jim & Kay*



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



# DECEMBER 2014

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6 GA-E
7	8 GA-Q	9	10	11 GA-K, M	12	13 GA-B, D
14	15 GA-O	16  Hanukkah begins	17	18 GA-D2	19	20 GA-A, C2, I2, J
21  Winter Solstice	22	23	24	25 GA-H  Merry Christmas	26	27 GA-E2
28	29	30	31  New Year's Eve			

See website for time and location of Chapter Gatherings. Due to the holiday's, many chapters are modifying their December gatherings, please call before you visit to confirm date, time and location.

**Georgia Traveler's Plaque: Chapter GA-O** captured the plaque from GA-A. The 2014 plaque has been retired and the new 2015 plaque to be given away by GA-O in January. Stay tuned for details!

**Region A Wanderer:** Chapter FL1-H is in possession of the Region plaque. Check the Region website ([www.gwrri-regiona.org](http://www.gwrri-regiona.org)) for information on when it will be given away.

## Schedule of Events

- January 17th, Chilly Willy and Officer's Conference, Buckner's, Jackson, GA
- January 24-29—GWRRA Chapters Cruise, Port Canaveral, FL
- February 14—GA-S Sweetheart Fun Day, Winder
- 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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an all you can eat meal, drink, tax and gratuity - **CASH** is \$14.25 per person and **CREDIT CARD** is \$15.11 per person.

We will have Door Prize drawings and everyone that attends will receive

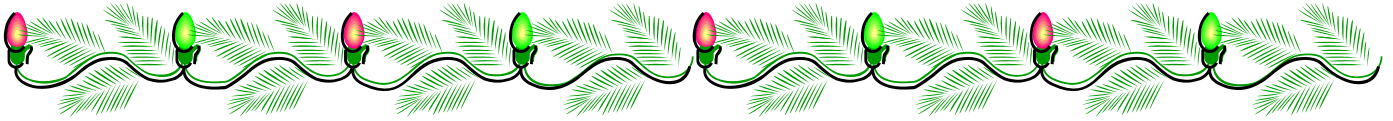
a door prize ticket. We will also offer a 50/25/25 drawing for the members that wish to participate. This year the chapter with the most members in attendance will receive Chilly Willy the Penguin, along with a \$25.00 certificate for a frosty treat! So get your

members charged up, ride ready and come enjoy a great meal with your GWRRA friends and let's kick the year off with a BANG!

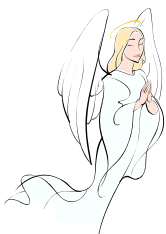
*Tommy & Vicky*



**Tommy & Vicky Martin**  
District Director



**Julie & Roy  
Degler  
Ride Educator**



**CAN IT REALLY BE?**

We know it seems almost cliché, but where has the time gone? Seems like only yesterday we were overeating at Buckner's during Chilly Willy.....now we are close to doing it again.

Somewhere in the foggy recesses of our minds (well, what we have left of ours) we seem to recall a scientific study that deduced that once you crossed the age of 50 time actually sped up. Even if that is not a scientific fact it sure does seem that way to us!

We actually just completed the Happy Thanksmas

holiday in our home. We decorated the house with mostly Christmas decorations (had the tree up November 13<sup>th</sup>) and a few fall/Thanksgiving decorations (pumpkins and mums on the front porch) and celebrated Thanksmas with out-of-state family from Pennsylvania and Florida. Since we rarely get to spend any time with them, much less the holidays, we figured we could celebrate two holidays at the same time. How many of you can say you have everything ready before December 1<sup>st</sup>? Crazy? Maybe, but it actually worked.....just might be

the start of a whole new trend! Actually having time to enjoy the season....WOW, what a concept!

So, without further ado it is time for us to wish our extended GWRRA family a **SAFE Merry Christmas** and *Happy New Year!* Thank you for a great 2014! We want to Thank everyone for their dedication and support of Rider Education and Motorist Awareness! And in our previous years tradition we would like to say to everyone: "See you next year!"

*Roy & Julie*

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**Thanking Our 2014 Couples of the Year!**

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| International —Tommy & Gayle Wilson   | Jenkins                    | Watkins                    |
| Region A—Dewey & Alice Cole           | GA-B2—Walter & Linda Wiggs | GA-J—Mike & Peg Jones      |
| Georgia District—Vance and Fern Oates | GA-D—Mike & Nancy Lynbery  | GA-S—Glenn & Sherry Wisdom |
| GA-A—Don & Sharon                     | GA-H—Jeff & Maud Verner    |                            |
|                                       | GA-I2—Larry & Linda        |                            |

**Among our sick**

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|------------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| Jim Allen, GA-A & Georgia District | Donald Taylor, GA-D    | Georgia District     |
|                                    | Garland Dennis, GA-S & | Frank Chesonis, GA-S |