



Goldwing Road Riders Association

GEORGIA DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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Fun Outside of Our Region!

Hi everyone! We just visited with Region N at the North Carolina Rally and had fun, fun, fun! The Rally was held in Cherokee, NC just outside the Great Smokey Mountain National Park. They do things a little different than Region A, so it is always great to see what other regions do.

NC had lots of vendors of every sort, not just motorcycle vendors, and a lot of them plan on coming to the Georgia Rally April 21-23. We attended an opening ceremony Thursday night and enjoyed ice cream from Babbles, one of the vendors. He plans to be in Georgia for our Rally.

Friday night we had a fine meal catered by a local restaurant called Granny's of Cherokee. We also attended the entertainment afterwards with music by Tim Hall & Buffalo Country, who took requests from the audience and played a variety of songs. They make a comment that they were "surprised that we liked the same songs they liked to play". I guess we are not as old as they thought we were! We also participated in the Director's Challenge. We came in third. Tennessee won! The ladies had to pick up balloons and stuff them under their spouse's tee shirt!

The gist of this article is that you can have fun outside our region and show your support for GWRRA. Georgia did just that



Larry & Pamela Clemmer
Georgia District Directors

at the NC Rally. Georgia had 97 members in attendance and won \$500 for the District! Region A also had the largest number for a Region outside Region N, so Region A won another \$500! See what we can do if we go have fun at these Rallies! You also learn new ideas and foster good relationships with friends from all over.

We encourage you to attend as many Rallies as you can afford, in and out of Region A, and of course continue to make your chapters better and more active and have

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A note from Wings Over the Smokies from Jim Jackson...

I've got to tell ya, ya'll make me so proud of Region 'A' I don't know what to do. I've been strutting around like a proud Rooster. We had more District Directors attending WOS than Region 'N' had and we were in their home Region. We had 327 Region 'A' Delegates which was about half the folks in the auditorium at closing ceremonies. Many thanks to each of you for coming to WOS and supporting Goose and Ms. Goose. I know they appreciate it. This year, like last year, Region 'A' took home \$500 bucks for having the most delegates there from out of Region and Georgia took home

\$500 bucks for their treasury for having the most District delegates attending from out of District. Way to go Georgia. Again, many thanks for attending WOS in force and I look forward to seeing everyone again in South Carolina this coming weekend. We are still hanging around Cherokee and doing some riding, having fun and enjoying the fellowship with our group. Today we are heading up the BlueRidge for a bite to eat at the Mt Pisgah Restaurant hanging on the side of the mountain. Wow life is good!

Jim Jackson
Region "A" Director

Anticipating Lots of Fun and New Friends

We are Garland and Charleen Dennis. We have just accepted the challenge of serving as one of the Assistant District Directors for Georgia. We will also continue to serve as Webmaster and will also be Vendor Coordinator and take care of goodie sales. We both look forward to visiting more chapters this year and getting to know more Georgia members. We were Senior Chapter Directors in Florida for 8 years before we moved here in March of 2014. We have been meeting and making new friends here in Georgia. One of the things we like most is seeing new faces and making new friends here every time we go to another rally or Chapter Gath-

ering.

We attended the North Carolina rally last weekend and are heading to the South Carolina rally next weekend. If you are not attending these rallies, you are missing out on a fun way to spend your time. There is something for everyone, including classes, vendors or just riding on some new roads. Garland & Charle!

Garland and Charleen Dennis
Assistant District Directors East
Webmaster
Vendor Coordinator



Charleen & Garland Dennis
Assistant District Directors East
Webmaster • Vendor Coordinator

Georgia District MEC

Chapter rides are a complicated and large issue. If you look at most calendars all you see is Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Rides.

Question: Are we going to eat when we got out on a ride? More than likely yes.

Question: Are a lot of Chapters that go on Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Rides going from a KSU direct route to a restaurant? Yes

So how do we change a mind set when it comes to riding? The simple change is renaming a ride. Using names like "Just a Ride", "Mystery Ride", "Tail of the Tarpon Ride", "Ocklawaha River Ride", "Stud Run", "Full or Blue Moon Ride", "Horse Farm Ride", "Brown Bag Lunch Ride" & "Rick's Ride". If nothing else by naming a ride something other than Breakfast, Lunch or Dinner Ride people have a different perception of the ride. Did we eat on these rides... Yes! Yes we still list specific Breakfast, Lunch or Dinner Rides on the calendar but they are the exception versus the rule.

The other thing that needs to be added when it comes to rides is destinations and/or things to do. Over the last year these are some of the things we have done: Watermelon Festival, Thunder by the Bay, Manatee Festival, Kumquat Festival, Lipizzaner Stalions, Dairy Farm, Retired Horse Farm, Daytona Bike Week, Myakka River State Park,



Ocala Horse Farms, Drum Circle, Tubing, Jungle Gardens, Butterfly Museum, Stain Glass Museum, Pontoon Boat Tour.

So how do you make above work?

- First thing is you have to have a Chapter Team that supports the idea and is willing to train the Chapter on the concept.
- Second is you need people in the Chapter that are will to find new/interesting things to do. One key is keeping the cost down.
- Third and probably one of the most important is to have people that are will to plan and lead routes.

Rick & Madalena Buck
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Rick & Madalena Buck



WINGERS-AND-WAVES INVITATION

You're invited to attend a large cruise event called WINGERS-N-WAVES. The GWRRA Georgia District is a sponsor of WINGERS-N-WAVES and 17 states joined the 2015 event. You will have the opportunity to meet Chapters from all over the country! Departs from Lauderdale, Florida to Grand Cayman, Falmouth, Jamaica and Labadee, Haiti.

If you have any questions please call Deanna Cisson at (386) 299-7535. Official website is <http://www.wingers-nwaves.com>. Read testimonials and see full event details.

ANOTHER BENEFIT OF YOUR GWRRA MEMBERSHIP



Office Supply Discounts – GWRRA has partnered with Office Depot and OfficeMax to bring you a FREE national discount program. Save up to 80%-off preferred products. Shop online or in stores. FREE next day delivery on orders over \$50! To shop or print off your savings card, go to www.officediscounts.org/gwrرا.html.

Explaining the N-6 Form That I Ask for Each Month

I know that it is a little misleading because it has Rider Education on the top of the form. This form is the only one that requests information about all the activities that the chapter does for the month. Rider Education is responsible for keeping up with all activities a Chapter does for the month. We need the number of Chapter Meetings usually (1) one per month, with the number of participants that attend the meeting. The total number of rides or other activities the chapter does for the month, and the total of participants for these activities. How many newsletters that you print each month usually (1) one, the number of Rider Education articles in the newsletter at least (1) one. And the number of newsletters that you distribute each month including the ones that you send out by E-mail. This is the information that we need to keep up with to show how active your Chapter is along with the Rider Education Items that are on the Form.

If you do not have a Rider Educator in your Chapter, you still need to send the chapter activities in. I know this is the Chapter Edu-

cator's responsibility but sometimes you have to do what you have to do. Without these reports it looks like your Chapter is not doing anything, and we know better. You know the saying; if it is not written down it was not done.

If you can't fill out the N-6 form that is fine. Just e-mail me the numbers, and I will fill out the form for you. All I ask is you PLEASE send in something. No report tells us that you have not done anything for the month. For the ones that are sending in the reports, I say "Thank You" in a big way. If you have any questions about how to fill out the form please feel free to contact me and we will try to help you out.

Ride Safe and Enjoy Life.

Frank & Melinda Brothers
Rider Educators/Medic First Aid



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*Rider Educators/
Medic First Aid*



HORIZON'S CLASS A BIG HIT!

July's fireworks continued in Dallas, Georgia when 2 days of fun produced 12 graduates of the GWRRR Horizon's Program. The object of the Horizon's program is to help officers, prospective officers and participants develop their skills in leading groups or teams. We're proud to say that all 12 of the participants left with a better sense of how to manage personalities, properly communicate with their team and hopefully grow their chapters.

The following topics were taught: Team-building Concepts, Expectations, Meetings and Gatherings, Communications, and the Officer Couple. Several participants took this opportunity to use the time as refresher course.

A special thank you to all the people involved in teaching the Horizons Program. We're proud of the fact that members of the Georgia District staff successfully complet-



ed the requirements to become Trainers in the past year and are qualified to teach the modules/lessons in the Horizons program. With this in mind, Jim was able to pull from his qualified team of trainers to participate. Trainers were Ken and Traci Thrasher, Vance and Fern Oakes, Jim Elrod and Region Trainers Roy and Anita Fosnight.

Jim and Dee Allen
District Leadership Trainers



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Bushtec Trailer Announced as Grand Prize for Wing Fling 2016

It has been announced that the Georgia District Team will be giving away a Bushtec GL Trailer (MSRP \$ 3799, available in white or black) at the 2016 Wing Fling. Chapters get ready to get your tickets for the trailer soon. Money will be awarded to the chapter that sells most.



AMONG OUR SICK

Glenn Argo— GA-S
Don Jenkins— GA-A
Steve and Shirley Kremer - AL

IN MEMORY

Chapter D-2—Wes Norris
Chapter Q— Pat Denning

APPOINTMENT ANNOUNCED

Ray & Sandi Garris are very happy to announce the appointment of **Barb & John Pons** as National Directors of Membership Enhancement effective July 2nd, 2015. If those names sound familiar, they are our 2014-15 International Couple of the Year.

As your newly appointed National Directors of the Membership Enhancement Program, their commitment is to inject FUN into everything that they do.

John and Barb can be reached at mepgwrra2@gmail.com.

Ray & Sandi Garris
GWRRA International Directors

MAKE YOUR PLANS NOW!

WIND DOWN - Nov. 14, 2015

Opening at 10:00AM

Perry Parks and Recreation Building

James E. Worrall Community Center
1060 Keith Drive , Perry, Georgia 31069

CHILLY WILLY - Jan. 16, 2016

Registration 10:00AM • Meal at 11:00AM

Officers Conference 1PM

Buckner's Family Restaurant
1168 Bucksnort Rd, Jackson, GA 30233

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR COUPLES OF THE YEAR!

International —
Jon & Barb Pons

Region A—
Dewey & Alice Cole

GA-A—Gary & Juanita Rackley

**GA-B—Paul Loeser &
Geraldine Duenas**

GA-B2—Dick & Gail Cross

GA-D—Joel & Jenny Reasons

GA-F2—Randy & Georgia Moore

GA-I2—Paul & Jane Moricz

GA-J—Dave & Judy Hurd

GA-L—Murry & Dawn Cail

GA-O—Barry & Barbara Owens

GA-S—Craig & Pat Whitehouse

GA-T—Tommy & Vicky Martin

AUGUST 2015

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
						1 GA-F2
2	3	4 GA-S	5	6 GA-T	7	8 GA-B,D
9	10 GA-Q	11	12	13 GA-K,M	14	15 GA-A, C2, 12, J
16	17 GA-O	18	19	20 GA-D2	21	22 GA-B2, E2
23 30	24 31	25	26	27 GA-H, L, R	28	29

Georgia Traveler's Plaque:
Chapter GA-A captured the Georgia Traveler's Plaque from GA-T! It will be given away on August 8th at Southern Cooking, 715 Industrial Blvd., McDonough, GA. Sign in 12:00PM - 1:00PM. Plaque awarded at 1:15.

The Georgia Hot Potato— Was last seen with at Georgia H in Leesburg. Look out for the Hot Potato! You could be the next in line!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wing Ding

September 3rd – 6th, 2015

Chapter A Treerific Fun Day
September 12th, 2015

Chapter Q's Dessert Auction
October 3rd , 2015

Mississippi Rally
October 15th-17th, 2015

Region A Rally
October 29th - 31th, 2015

Wind Down
November 14th, 2015

Chapters frequently have had changes in meeting locations and time. The District website (www.gwrra-ga.com) also posts times and locations of Chapter Gatherings. As always, call before you visit to confirm date, time and location.