



## Goldwing Road Riders Association

# GEORGIA DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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### Do You Know Why We Have A District Team?

Yellow shirts! Oh no! The District is visiting—what did we do! No, that is not what you should think when District Team members visit. Yes, we sometimes are asking your chapter to do things. We sell tickets, tell you about the rallies, encourage you to visit, but we really are there to assist and encourage your chapters to flourish and grow.

The District Rally is probably the biggest thing that takes up our time. It is a lot of work, takes a lot of money to present, and takes a lot of the Team's time. We do it for you—so you can have a fun time each year! This year's rally is in Dalton, Georgia at the Dalton Convention Center, and we have a lot of fun planned. We have planned games, 50/25/25, riding poker runs, mountain rides, escorted and unescorted, prizes, lots of vendors, a fun corner so you don't get bored, and Rapunzel's tower so you can lock up your friends, not to mention the Rider Education and Leadership Training going on lead by Frank and Melinda Brothers, our new District Rider Educators, and our District Leadership Trainers, Jim and Dee Allen. Yes, we do this to raise funds for the rally. The cost is a whole lot more than you would ever dream and we do appreciate your support.

We also rent a center in Perry, Georgia and put on Wind Down in November. This is where we select our District Couple of the Year. Come on down for free lunch, games and 50/25/25. Come and support our couples please.

Our next major event is Chilly Willy in January. Chapter B2 has Chilly Willy, who goes to the largest chapter in attendance. Come get him! We will have dinner at Buckner's again and the Officers Conference follows the Chilly Willy, so be there and learn what is going on with your District.

Okay, we have the Rally, Wind Down, and Chilly Willy. Well, that is not all. Our Assistant District Directors signed an MOU saying they would visit their respective chapters twice a year. Some do more. That takes a lot of time and effort, not to mention funds. Please support their efforts. They do this to support you, the Chapters,



**Larry & Pamela Clemmer**  
*Georgia District Directors*

and find out what you may need to help support your chapter. If you have a visitor from District, let them know what you need. We can help.

As the District Directors, we have plans to increase recruitment. We think this is important if GWRRA is to survive. We have a good team and hope to work with our chapters to come up with great ideas, which I know you have out there, to increase participation and membership. Yes, we need you to sell our tickets, go to our rally, come to Perry and Buckner's, but most of all we need to work together to keep GWRRA vital and be able to continue to improve our events year after year.

Please let your District Team member know what you need and give them your ideas. We can work together. Hope this gives you an idea of what you District Team does.

Thank you for your support,

**Larry and Pamela Clemmer**  
Georgia District Directors

**LOOKING  
FORWARD TO  
SEEING YOU AT  
WING DING IN  
HUNTSVILLE, AL.**

## Keep Yourself Hydrated In The Hotter Fall Months

Well everyone, here is August and the weather is not letting us down. They say August is the hottest month, and they sure got that right.

I know you all have heard over and over that when the heat is up, you need to hydrate. Well, this is very true, because dehydration can sneak up on you before you know it. It's really hard to get back to being hydrated again. So please, when you are out there riding, be careful and watch out for your friends.

Have fun, ride safe and learn.

**Jim and Kay Elrod**  
Assistant District Directors North



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*Asst. District Directors North*

## Volunteer! Volunteer! Volunteer!

I would like to thank everyone for their support during our first month as District Membership Enhancement Coordinators. Many thanks to Dick Hopkins for making sure I had all of what I needed to get me off to a successful start.

Having served as Chapter MEC for several years, I realize the importance of the position. Being a Chapter Director, I realized that a chapter needs this position filled.

There are several chapters that do not have an MEC, and it would be great if a chapter member would volunteer to take on this task. Chapter Directors already have a big job, and must take on the duties of the MEC if no member volunteers. Therefore, I am encouraging members to step up and volunteer for the MEC position if your chapter does not have one.

You may ask "What do I get out of volunteering for the MEC position for the chapter?". Well, for starters, you get to talk about your favorite past time, motorcycling. Second, you may be the first contact a new or prospective member has with GWRRA, so a new friendship is formed. As a seasoned member of GWRRA, you get to show off your knowledge and promote the fun your



**Norman & Wendy Morton**  
*Membership Enhancement Coordinators*



chapter has. With that being said, VOLUNTEER! VOLUNTEER! VOLUNTEER!

*Norman & Wendy Morton*



**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. The official website is <http://www.wingersnwaves.com>. Read testimonials and see full event details.

## BUILDING LEADERS

Leadership is learned behavior that becomes automatic over time. For example, leaders can make several important decisions about an issue in the time it takes others to understand the question. The most successful leaders are instinctual decision makers. Having done it so many times throughout their careers, they become immune to the pressure associated with decision making and extremely intuitive about the process of making the most strategic and best decisions. This is why most leaders will tell you they depend strongly upon their "gut-feelings" when making difficult decisions at a moment's notice.

Here are a few things you can do to be a successful leader:

### 1. Make Others Feel Safe to Speak-Up

Many times leaders intimidate members with their title and when they walk into a room. Successful leaders deflect attention away from themselves and encourage others to voice their opinions. They make it easy for others to feel safe to speak-up and confidently share their perspectives and points of view.

### 2. Make Decisions

Successful leaders are decision makers. They focus on "making things happen" at all times – decision making activities that sustain progress.

### 3. Communicate Expectations

Successful leaders are good communicators. They remind their members of the chapters goals—ensuring that their vision produces the desired endpoint. I had a boss that managed the office by reminding us of the expectations that she had for us. She made it easy for us to stay focused and on track. By clearly communicating expectations we were able to buy in to the situation and produce the desirable result.

### 4. Challenge People to Think

The most successful leaders understand their members mindsets. They challenge their members to think and stretch them to reach for more.

### 7. Measure & Reward Performance

Great leaders are active in acknowledging hard work and efforts (no matter the result). Successful leaders never take their members for granted and are mindful of rewarding them.

GWRRA provides modules for Leadership Training that would cost thousands if presented by a business. Presenting these modules for you, at no cost, encourages participants in the Chapters to step forward and use the skills they possess to help others succeed. With that in mind, we challenge you, chapters and participants alike, to call or email and let us know if we can provide classes for you.

**Jim and Dee Allen**  
District Leadership Trainers



# 11 Georgia Laws Drivers Don't Know Exist

By Lauren McDonald / Morris News Service • Savannahnow.com

ATLANTA -- Sometimes, drivers in Georgia get pulled over because they were breaking a law they just didn't know about.

Police understand that drivers are less aware of certain laws, as those are the ones they see broken often.

Here are a few laws that police say many drivers seem not to know exist:

## 1. You can be pulled over for going the speed limit.

Last year, Georgia passed the "Slowpoke Law," which requires that drivers in the left lane on a Georgia highway, interstate or expressway must move over if a faster car approaches them. Slow drivers cannot linger in the left lane, even if doing the speed limit.

## 2. You must move over one lane not just for police cars, but also for assistance vehicles and garbage trucks.

Under Georgia's "Move-Over Law," drivers must move-over for emergency vehicles stopped on the side of the highway. This includes police vehicles, Department of Transportation Highway Emergency Response Operator vans and garbage trucks.

"People have been moving over for the blue lights, but not for amber lights," said Cpl. Guy Fedak, with the Savannah-Chatham police. "The law applies to all emergency vehicles and HERO wrecker services with the yellow lights."

Georgia passed the law in the aftermath of growing numbers of police, emergency technicians and DOT workers being killed during routine traffic stops, crash responses and highway constructions projects across the nation. More than 30 states have move-over laws.

If heavy traffic will not allow you to move over, the law says you should slow down to 10 miles per hour below the speed limit.

And this year, Georgia added to the law, requiring drivers to move over for garbage trucks as well.

"The whole idea is try to let everybody move over one lane, so no one's having to worry about their safety," said Guy Young, vice president of the Georgia Motor Trucking Association.

## 3. It's illegal to use the center lane to merge into traffic.

The center lane cannot be legally used for any purposes besides making a left turn. Drivers should not enter the center lane before they are 300 feet from the location where they will turn left, per Georgia law.

"Drivers often will use the center lane to merge into traffic, or they will enter it well before they legally can," Fedak said. "The laws says that it only be used to make left

turns, and you can't be in the center lane more than 300 feet. You can't use it as a merge lane."

## 4. You can legally drive without wearing shoes. But you cannot wear headphones.

Waits said many Georgians believe the law forbids driving without shoes on. That's false.

"The law that most people think exists about driving barefoot - it never has existed in Georgia," said Vidalia Police Chief Frank Waits.

It is, however, illegal to drive with headphones in both of your ears.

"You can wear in one ear, but not in both ears," Waits said.

## 5. Neither the driver nor the passenger can have an open alcoholic beverage.

"People do not know it's illegal to drive with an open beer or drink," Waits said. "The driver knows they know can't, but the passenger doesn't know they can't either."

## 6. No part of your tag can be obstructed from view.

Drivers will often cover their tags with illegal frames or covers, often in an attempt to foil cameras designed to catch running red lights and speeding.

Fedak said before you buy a tag frame or cover, check that it will not illegally obstruct the view of the tag.

In Georgia, the entire tag must be clear and unobstructed, a law he said is unique to Georgia.

## 7. A bicycle classifies as a vehicle.

"A lot of people don't realize that a bicycle under the Georgia law is considered a vehicle, and the law requires that bicyclists follow the same laws a vehicle do," Fedak said.

This includes stopping at red lights and riding on the correct side of the road.

## 8. You have to turn your headlights on in the rain (and shouldn't rely on your auto-lights).

Georgia law requires car headlights to be turned on when it's raining. But often people will rely on their automatic lights, which do not turn on the rear lights as well.

"You still have to turn your headlights on because it illuminates your front and rear lights," Fedak said. "Even though you have daytime driving lights, you have nothing on in the back."

## 9. If all the traffic lights go out at an intersection, the law requires drivers to treat it as a four-way stop.

When the traffic lights are not working at an intersection, drivers must treat it as a four-way stop. Meaning right-of-way goes to whoever comes to the stop first.

"They think because they're on the main



**Frank & Melinda Brothers**  
Rider Educators/  
Medic First Aid



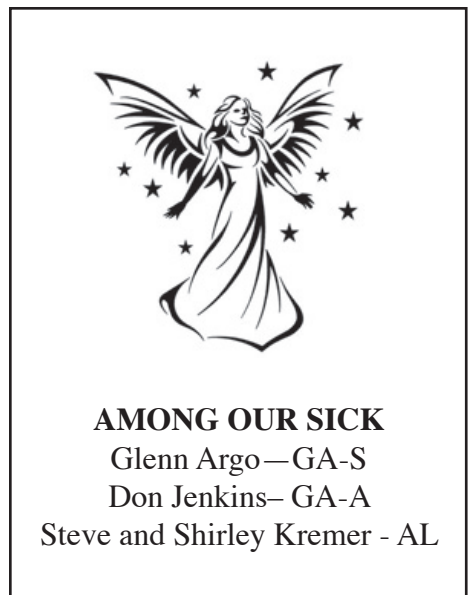
highway, they have the right-of-way," Fedak said. "But the law says you have to treat it as a four way stop."

## 10. It's illegal to text in a car - even if the car is stopped.

It's illegal to text while driving in Georgia. And because the law does not specify if the vehicle must be moving, then drivers should also refrain from texting when stopped at a traffic light or stop sign.

## 11. It's also illegal for drivers under the age of 18 to use a cell phone at all.

**Frank & Melinda Brothers**  
Rider Educators/Medic First Aid



## AMONG OUR SICK

Glenn Argo—GA-S

Don Jenkins—GA-A

Steve and Shirley Kremer - AL

## Assistant Region Directors Appointed

I'm pleased to announce that Tommy and Vicky Martin, Former Georgia District Directors, have accepted the position of Southeast Region 'A' Assistant Region Directors....pending documentation. Yep, Tommy and Vicky will be part of the Region 'A' Staff and will assist in many facets of running the Region. Because of their vast experience and knowledge as Former District Directors, they will be available not only to the Operations side of the Region, but available to assist Rider Education, Membership Enhancement, Leadership Training and/or any Division in the Region. Their first assignment will be to assist in managing the Ticket and Poker Run Stations during Wing Ding which is

coming around the corner like a freight-train coming down a long grade without brakes! Of course they will be very involved at the SE Region 'A' Rally in October as well. Please join me in welcoming Tommy and Vicky and congratulating them for accepting this very important position. Of course if you have ever had the pleasure of tasting one of Vicky's very large (7-Layer) "home-made" cakes or her "home-made" jelly you would completely understand this appointment...just messing with you Vicky. We are excited to have ya'll on the Region 'A' Staff.

*Jim Jackson*  
Region "A" Director

**CONGRATULATIONS!**  
*Newton and Trisha Landrum have been appointed as Chapter B Directors. Newton and Trisha conducted their first gathering on August 8th.*  
**Buddy and Brenda Jones**  
*are also taking over as Chapter Directors for Chapter K and have already assumed their duties.*

## 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

## 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 Bucksnot Rd, Jackson, GA 30233

# SEPTEMBER 2015

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

**Georgia Traveler's Plaque:**  
Chapter GA-A captured the Georgia Traveler's Plaque from GA-T! It will be given away at their Fun Day on September 12th. See their website for more information!

**The Georgia Hot Potato**—Was last seen with at Georgia Q in Warner Robins. 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 - 31st, 2015  
**Wind Down**  
November 14th, 2015

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