



Goldwing Road Riders Association

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Gary & Juanita Rackley Chosen District Couple of the Year

We met by chance on the CB Radio. Shortly thereafter, we got married on Halloween night 1978. We spent our wedding night at the Alabama Welcome Center, and then on to New Orleans the next day. We have 5 children and 6 grandchildren.

In 2006, Gary purchased a Honda 2003 VTX1800 for us to ride. I really enjoyed riding, but I was not really comfortable with the leaning of the two wheels. While out one day, we saw a beautiful Goldwing Trike, and I said, "Boy, if we had one like that with 3 wheels I would really be a lot more comfortable riding it". In 2008, we were in Tennessee checking out some trail bikes, when we saw a beautiful Titanium 1800 Goldwing. Gary bought it, triked it, and scared me to death when we went to pick it up and got it home. Gary handed me the keys and said "it's all yours - go for it". Well guess what - I did and I did. We found GWRRA Georgia Chapter A in 2008 and since then, it's been fun, fun, fun.

Throughout the years, we have gotten more and more involved. In 2012, Gary was asked to fill the position of Motorist Awareness Coordinator, and I was asked to fill the position as Secretary. I guess it took that for us to really get involved. We started taking the classes that GWRRA offered, going to Plaque Attacks, visiting other chapters, going to Wing Ding, Wing Fling, etc. In May 2014, we were asked to fill the position of Assistant Chapter Director. In December 2014, at Chapter GA-A Christmas party, our Chapter Director, Don Jenkins had announced his Team for 2015 and was rehashing a little about the past.



He began to read a little poem that he had written, and wow! We sure were surprised when we realized it was about us. Then he announced to the chapter that we were the 2015 Chapter Couple of the Year. We stated then that we would do our very best to represent Georgia Chapter A.

It appears that we are now starting a new and even greater and more exciting challenge with our friends at GWRRA, as we have been selected to be the 2016 District Couple of the Year for Georgia. We will do our best to represent the Georgia District.

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*Merry Christmas
and
Happy Holidays*

WIND DOWN 2016 IN PERRY, GA!



Larry & Pamela Clemmer
Georgia District Directors

The first Wind Down for us as new District Directors went well, and we congratulate all of our team for a job very well done! We also want to thank all of you who attended and supported this effort to make Wind Down 2016 fun and enjoyable.

Our District Couple of the Year Coordinators, Vance and Fern Oakes, did a fabulous job conducting the Couple of the Year Selection, and the new 2016 District Couple of the Year is Gary and Juanita Rackley of Georgia Chapter A. Thanks to Dick and Gail Cross of Georgia Chapter B2 for your participation in the selection process. All of the Chapter Couples of the Year were recognized with certificates of appreciation.

We had games and door prizes, a 50/25/25, and a Chapter Director's Challenge. Georgia Chapter D won the challenge. We sold "goodies", Bushtec tickets, and Rider Education gave away 2 first aid kits. Also, we awarded Georgia Chapter F2 with \$50 for carrying the Hot Potato the most miles. Second place of \$25 went to Georgia Chapter I2. The 2015 Traveler's plaque was retired to Georgia Chapter A and the new plaque also went to Chapter A. Watch out in January—they will be expecting you to come get it! Also, Chapter F2 will be moving that Hot Potato again!

Oh yes! We can't forget the food. We served 145 people, including the team, with hot homemade vegetable soup, cornbread muffins, and cake. We had many compliments on the food, and we thank everyone for working hard to prepare the meal. Thank you again for all the hard work and thanks to all of you for attending.

Larry and Pamela Clemmer
Georgia District Directors

Couple of the Year Selected at Wind Down

We are very proud to announce that Gary & Juanita Rackley of Chapter A are our new 2016 Georgia District Couple of the Year. We had 2 very deserving couples who tried for the honor: Gary & Juanita and Dick & Gail Cross of Chapter B-2. Thank you to both couples for stepping up.

Wind Down 2015 was a resounding success. The District Team served lunch to all of the members present, gave away a lot of door prizes, gave away two 50/25/25 prizes, held a Chapter Directors' Challenge which was won by Chapter D, and honored all of the Chapter Couples of the Year and the Region A Couple of the Year, Jeff & Lisa Duffey.

A very big 'Thank You' goes out to the Couple of the Year judges: Region A Directors Jim & Sue Jackson, Region A MEC's Rick & Madalena Buck and 2013 Alabama District Couple of the Year, Larry & Penny Anthony. These people took time out of their busy schedules to drive from their homes to be with us, along with Jeff & Lisa Duffey. Thank you also to Sid & Donna Cohen, our former District Couple of the Year Coordinators, for being our Timekeeper & Scorekeeper.

Finally, thank you to Bob and Bonnie Mc-



Vance & Fern Oakes
*Asst. District Directors West/
Couple of the Year Coordinators*

Croskey of Chapter A for providing the PA system.

As I pointed out at Wind Down, Couples of the Year are the ones who have gone above and beyond, and are the ones who generally go on to become GWRRA leaders. So it is important to recognize these people.

Chapter Directors, please seriously consider naming your outstanding couple as your Couple of the Year.

Vance & Fern Oakes
District COY Coordinators

A FUN-FILLED SOCIAL EVENT!

It was nice being with the approx 150 Georgia GW Family Saturday 11/14, in Perry, GA for their Annual Wind-Down Event. This event was filled with fun and social engagement. A number of games and door-prizes were aplenty. Out of 320 door-prize tickets, ole Sue won one can of hand-cleaner! During this event, the new Georgia Couple of the Year was selected and they are Juanita and Gary Rackley of GA-A. They are a very nice couple. Juanita will be assuming the Chapter Director's position of GA-A in January 2016. Congratulations to both Juanita and Gary..... they will represent their Chapter and Georgia very well.

A number of old GA Friends were in attendance as well.....check out some of the faces in the pics. The Region 'A' Staff was well represented with Tommy & Vicky, Rick & Madalena, Jeff & Lisa Duffey (Region 'A' COY) and of course Sue and myself (JJ). We had a bodacious super day and thoroughly enjoyed the Georgia Wind-Down. Oh yeah, let's not forget the delicious vegetable-soup cornbread, fruit and dessert goodies the Georgia Staff prepared and served up for lunch. The soup was hot, fresh and plentiful..... it really hit the spot on this cool day!

Jim Jackson
Region A Director



KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Barry Owens - GA-O

Thanks to District Team



Jim & Dee Allen
Georgia District Trainers

I want to thank each of you for all the concern I have heard as to why we were not at Wind Down. When you have attended my classes over the years I am sure you have heard me say that to me family always comes first and that was the case the day of Wind Down. That was a special day for Dee and I as it was the first birthday of our only blood related granddaughter. We had to be in Nashville, Tenn. while you'll enjoyed Wind Down. Special thanks to Larry and Pamela, and all of the District Team for taking up the slack for us and allowing us the time to be away and celebrate this special occasion.

Over the past year there have been many changes in Leadership Training. Many of you have had questions as to what has changed and what to expect in the future. At the Georgia Officers Conference/CHILLY WILLY on January 16, 2016, I will pass on what I have learned. Registration begins at 10:00am, the meal begins at 11:00am, and the Officers Conference at 1:00pm.

The 2016 training schedule for the Georgia District is being established as this goes to press. A portion has already been locked in with more to come in the near future. Below is what I have so far. Since the classes start in January, it is being announced so each of you can make plans to attend.

Hosted by Chapter B-2

Jan 10, 2016 one hour class "What is Rider Education" Class 2:30 PM-3:30 PM

Feb 07, 2016 one hour class "You're an Officer-Now What" Class 2:30PM-3:30PM

Hosted by Georgia District

Sunday - March 13, 2016 - Chapter Leadership Skills Program

Sunday - May 15, 2016 - intermediate Leadership Skills Program

Sunday - August 14, 2016 - Advanced Leadership Skills Program

Sunday - October 9, 2016 - Life Skills Program

Location - Paulding Chamber of Commerce - 455 Jimmy Campbell Pkwy, Dallas, GA - entrance in the back of the building

Jim and Dee Allen
Master Trainers, Georgia District Trainers

The Year Is Going So Fast!

Well, can you believe it? It is November already and time to give thanks. Thanks for our health, family, God and country. For our brave young men and women in arms that help us stay safe and free. I believe we all have a lot to be thankful for. Yours, I am sure, can be different than maybe mine. We are free to be able to think and say what we believe in. So please, this Thanksgiving, be thankful for what you have. I am also thankful for having a lot of you as friends and having the ability to make more friends.

Ride safe, have fun and God Bless each of you.

Jim and Kay Elrod
Asst. District Directors North



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Asst. District Directors North

Thank You For Your Support!

Melinda and I would like to thank you for your support the past 9 months. We look forward to serving Rider Education in 2016.

Frank & Melinda Brothers
Rider Educators
Medic First Aid



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*Rider Educators/
Medic First Aid*

Looking Forward To the New Year



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

Wow! This year is just flying by. We can't believe that it is almost Thanksgiving and then Christmas. Garland and I have had a wonderful year so far meeting a lot of new friends while visiting our GWRRA Chapters.

We would like to thank all of the people that attended Wind Down last week. We really enjoyed helping to plan the event, and we hope that everyone enjoyed it as much as we did.

It will be time for Wing Fling before we know it, and we are busy planning a fun filled time for all. The vendors have been very responsive to our request for them to sign up early. We already have 20 paid vendors, and I hope to have many more by April. Now that we have vendors, we need **you** to come and support them. If you haven't already sent in your registration, now would be a good time.

We are a phone call or e-mail away if you need assistance, so please do not hesitate to contact us.

Garland & Charleen Dennis
Assistant Directors East, Webmaster,
Vendor Coordinator

WIND DOWN 2015



JOIN OUR WINGERS-N-WAVES GRAND CRUISE DEPARTING FROM FORT LAUDERDALE ON JANUARY 17, 2016



7 DAY CRUISE TO JAMAICA, HAITI AND THE BEAUTIFUL GRAND CAYMAN ISLANDS

The following rates
include ALL port taxes!!
Inside Cabin: \$662.79 pp
Window Cabin: SOLD OUT
Balcony: \$886.79 pp

The sale rates listed are per person with all port taxes as of 10/16/2015. The prices listed are with a current special Royal Caribbean is offering and please be advised the price is subject to change until booked. We strongly suggest you deposit \$250 per person as soon as possible to secure the rate and select a great cabin location. The rates will vary and subject to change until booked.

wingersnwaves.com

LIMITED SPACE THE CRUISE WILL SELL OUT - BOOK NOW TO RESERVE YOUR CABIN.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2016

Jan. 16

Chilly Willy
Buckner's Restaurant
Jackson, GA

RALLIES & FUN DAYS ALREADY SCHEDULED FOR 2016

Feb. 13

Chapter S's
Sweetheart Fun Day
Winder, GA

Mar. 17-19

Florida District Rally
Orlando FL

Apr. 21-23

Georgia District Rally
Dalton GA

Jul. 14-16

South Carolina Rally
Anderson, SC

Oct.. 13-15

Mississippi District Rally
Gulfport MS

Aug. 31-Sept 3

Wing Ding
Billings, MT

Georgia Traveler's Plaque: Chapter GA-A was presented with the new Traveler's Plaque at Wind Down. Stay tuned for information when it will be given away in January 2016!

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

METRAPARK
Billings, Montana
August 31 - September 3rd, 2016

WING 38 DING
BLAZIN
BILLINGS The MONTANA
BEARTOOTH
AUGUST 31 - SEPTEMBER 3, 2016

For more information, call (406) 245-4111 or 1-800-735-2635
or email us at WingDing38@VisitBillings.com.

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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, I2, J
20	21 GA-O	22 GA-R	23	24 GA-H, L	25	26 GA-B2, E2
27	28	29	30	31		

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR COUPLES OF THE YEAR!

International —
Jim & Reba Berry

Region A—
Jeff & Lisa Duffey

District Couple of the Year—
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

Chapters frequently have had changes in meeting locations and time. Since this is the month of December, most Chapters will be having their Christmas Parties and not a gathering. 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.