



Goldwing Road Riders Association

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CHILLY WILLY! Officer's Conference

Thank all of you for attending the annual Chilly Willy event at Buckner's Restaurant in Jackson, Georgia. We had representatives from 18 of our 19 Georgia chapters.

We had a good time visiting and everyone received a door prize ticket when they signed in so we had 10 happy winners! We also had a 50/25/25 giveaway and Chapter A won Chilly Willy the penguin for this year's safekeeping and a \$50 Dairy Queen gift card for having the largest attendance. It was close! Two other chapters were just short of the 24 from Chapter A. Let's don't forget the Chapter of the Year! That went to Georgia I-2. Congratulations!

After a fine meal at Buckner's and the activities for everyone, the officer's went inside for the District Officer's Conference. Each officer gave a report of their goals and any changes made for the coming year. We handed out information packages including a letter and information from your Directors, and flyers for chapter fun days and the district rallies. We also included rules for the various contests at Wing Fling 2016.



Larry & Pamela Clemmer
Georgia District Directors

We are sending out an update to the Chapter Directors on the Talent Show criteria, so watch for it!

Thanks to you the members for coming and thanks to our Team for a job well done!

Larry and Pamela Clemmer
Georgia District Directors



Wing Ding 38 in Billings will be hosting a new Evening Entertainment Event – GWRRA's Got Talent! This night will be the grand finale of Talent Shows throughout the year among the Regions. Each Region will submit their 1st place winner and an optional runner-up from their perspective Region Rallies. The Event Management Team (EMT) will then organize the acts and produce the Finale of GWRRA's Got Talent. This will allow your Region to capture the Title of GWRRA's Got Talent! The structure of GWRRA's Got Talent will mimic the TV Show - America's Got Talent.

Prizes:

1st Place - \$500.00
and GWRRA's Got Talent Trophy
2nd Place - \$250.00
3rd Place - \$100.00

The following criteria will be used to judge the Talent Show at our 2016 Wing Fling: Talent, Costumes, Creativity/Originality and Concurrence with Rally Theme. We know you have talent. Now get out there and show it! Contact ??? at email address for more information and to see how to participate.



Ray & Sandy Garris
Directors of GWRRA

Hi to all,

Sandi and I are very sorry to announce that John & Barb Pons will be resigning from their position for family reasons. We are so sad to see them leave this position but fully understand where family priorities need to be in our lives. We all owe this incredible volunteer couple so much in GWRRA. They have made major contributions to virtually every part of the Member Enhancement Program. Along with their outstanding Assistants and staff they have helped improve almost the entire MEP Program. We sincerely thank them for being such an important part of TEAM GWRRA.

Please join us in thanking them for their outstanding service and dedication. You won't have to say good-bye though as they are still going to stay active with their Chapter. They have also promised to help us train their replacements. Because of this important consideration from them, you will see a very smooth transition in MEP.

We now must look forward and carefully select a new National Director of Membership Enhancement. If you are interested in being considered for this position, please forward your request in writing along with a brief resume to me as soon as possible.

Again, thanks Barb & John for all that you have for our Members and many contributions to our Association.

Ray & Sandi Garris
Directors of GWRRA



KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS
Sheree Bryant Hausser -
GA-A
Larry Clemmer
- Georgia District Director

Chapter A Couple of the Year



Nathan & Beverly met while attending church in Forest Park, GA. As single parents, they were encouraged by their four young children to attend a special family service on Christmas Day so they could all sit together. Two years later, they were married in October 1990...twenty-five years ago. Now they have four grown children and eight grandchildren scattered in Georgia, Alabama, and South Carolina. Nathan grew up in Fayetteville, GA and Beverly is from the Pittsburgh, PA area.

Nathan has been riding motorcycles from an early age, racing with his father and older brother. He has owned various makes and models but always dreamed of owning the Cadillac of all...a GoldWing! During a low slump in his first marriage, he was resigned to selling his bike and was bikeless for several years. Even when times got better, he "threatened" to forget about the bills and buy a new bike instead. Finally in 2001, he declared that he was serious about making "his move" and he purchased a 2001 Yamaha Roadstar. Even though Beverly had ridden on her brother's Honda, Nathan preferred to ride solo and was a part of three different riding groups. After friends encouraged Beverly to join them, he realized how much she enjoyed motorcycles and started to consider a cruiser for better two-up comfort. They stopped to pick up a brochure at a local Ya-

maha dealer and came home with a 2003 Yamaha Venture...much better suited for the two of them. But the GoldWing dream was still there!

While on a charity poker ride that made a stop at a local Honda dealership, the itch got stronger. Within two weeks, a 2005 GoldWing GL1800 was in the garage! Not only did the color go from black to white but the difference in handling went from black to white. They continue to enjoy their dream bike and have recently added lots of bling.

The Ensleys have been a part of Chapter A since 2003. They were invited by former members, Ray & Daphne Keys, but did not officially join until 2005 when they purchased their GoldWing. They attend as many meetings and rides as possible and love to get away for Spring rides and weekends. Nathan enjoys being Tail Gunner, occasional Ride Captain, Photographer, and BBQ Chef. Beverly has held the Secretary position since June 2014 and writes regular articles for the chapter newsletter. She has been involved with decorating for Fun Days and Christmas parties. She and ALF have become buddies lately, with ALF now living in their Stockbridge home.

Together, the three of them will continue to be involved whenever possible...as 2016 Couple of the Year and Chapter A mascot.

What's Up For February?



Jim & Dee Allen
Georgia District Trainers

We're looking forward to February and the beginning of Fun Days! The Sweetheart Fun Day is everyone's favorite and is held in Winder, Georgia. It will be hosted by Chapter S. Bring your Sweetheart and have some fun. They are planning to begin at 10AM with lots of games and fellowship. They will also have a 50/25/15/10, which is always fun and promises that someone will take home some money.

Planning for upcoming events is easy! You can either log on to www.gwrra-ga.com and go to the events tab or check out the calendar in this issue. Offered as well on the website, is a schedule of upcoming training that you can also make plans for. We plan to offer the Chapter Leadership Skills Program on March 13th, 2016 at the Paulding Chamber of Commerce in Dallas, GA. We're planning to have a really FUN time. If you have never been to this venue, it's really easy to find. Chapter B-2 has been nice enough to sponsor this event and we're looking forward to seeing them again.

So, if we don't see you in Lavonia, we hope to see you in Dallas! Safe riding to you all.

Jim and Dee Allen
Master Trainers, Georgia District Trainers

Keep An Eye Out for New Classes

GWRRR Rider Education has traditionally encouraged members to obtain and maintain certifications in First Aid and CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation). These basic skills are easily learned, but may make the difference between life and death in the critical minutes before professional help can arrive.

Level III of the Rider Ed Program is also referred to as Certified Tour Rider/Co-Rider. It represents the commitment of the Rider and/or Co-Rider to be prepared in the event of an accident to give aid and possibly save lives. This is done by being knowledgeable in First Aid or CPR and carrying a first aid

Announcing 2016 Couples of the Year

We attended Chilly Willy and the Officers' Conference last weekend at Buckner's Family Restaurant in Jackson. As usual, the food was delicious and plentiful. There were several door prizes given out, and 2 people won \$131 in the 50/25/25. The conference went very well and was only 2 hours long. There was some good information given out to the Chapter Directors for them to take back to their members.

Are you ready for Wing Fling, the Georgia District Rally? It will be held in Dalton, GA this year. The venue is the Northwest Georgia Trade and Convention Center. It will be indoors in air conditioned comfort and over 20 vendors will be there.

It's right around the corner, April 21 – 23. Your district team has been hard at work making sure everything is ready for you. We will have a talent show, Chapter Director Challenge, Rapunzel's Tower, costume contest, newsletter & web page contest and other exciting activities. We will have a First Aid Class. There will be a catered dinner on Thursday night. You will have the chance to win some great door prizes and there will be two \$500 Grand Prizes.

Rally pins will be given to the first 250 pre-registered attendees, so get your registration in now. Go to the Georgia District website www.gwrra-ga.com and click on "Coming Events" and then "Flyer" beside the Georgia District Rally line.



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

Georgia District has 9 Chapter Couples of the Year for 2016. They are:

Chapter A – Nathan & Beverly Ensley
Chapter B – Julio & Judith Feliciano
Chapter B2 – Mac & Deborah Strickland
Chapter D – Rex & Nancy Abbott
Chapter J – Nestor & Iris Morin
Chapter L – Durwood & Miriam Mills
Chapter Q – Jack Frederick & Karen Falter
Chapter S – Joe & Janel Piper
Chapter T – Gary & Debbie Lewis

We will introduce 1 of these couples each month. See Chapter A's Couple elsewhere in the newsletter.

In addition, Chapter D has named an Individual of the Year – Kyle Tolkacevic.

We will be meeting with each of the Couples to get to know them and to answer any questions they may have about the Couple of the Year program.

Vance & Fern Oakes
District COY Coordinators

kit on their motorcycle at all times.

It would be wonderful if we could achieve the coveted goal of zero accidents, however, we know realistically, accidents will happen. Because of this, it is important to be fully prepared to lend aid to unfortunate accident victims. It is important to always be prepared to save a life. Being trained to render CPR or First Aid is a tremendous asset.

Frank & Melinda Brothers
Rider Educators, Medic First Aid



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YOU'RE INVITED!

Make plans and register now for the Georgia Wing Fling/The Brother's Grimm in Dalton, GA on April 21-23.

We're planning for 3 days of all out fun at the all indoor rally. Vendors have been chosen to set up shop and sell their wares at the Northwest GA Trade & Convention Center. Come pick up a one-of-a-kind gift that special rider in your life, or better yet, bring a visitor to the show for a fun day of prizes and entertainment!

Those who register by March 31, 2016 will be able to enjoy a catered dinner on Thursday night. Remember, you must pre-register to be a part of this function! See the District Website for more information.

We're looking forward to a great time!

Georgia Traveler's Plaque: Chapter GA-A was presented with the new Traveler's Plaque in 2015 at Wind Down and will be holding the first Plaque Attack on JANUARY 30, 2016 at Southern Cooking Restaurant, 715 Industrial Blvd McDonough, GA 30253. 770-292-0270. Registration will be held from 1PM - 2PM with Plaque Giveaway at 2:30PM. A 50/25/25 Drawing will be held.

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



UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb. 13
Chapter S
Sweetheart Fun Day
Winder, GA

Mar. 17-19
Florida District Rally
Orlando FL

April 16
Chapter T
Fun Day





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

FEBRUARY 2016

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	1 GA-S Eat 6:00PM Meet 7:00PM	2 GA-S Eat 6:00PM Meet 7:00PM 	3	4 GA-T Eat 6:00PM Meet 7:00PM	5	6 GA-R Eat 8:30AM Meet 10:00AM
7	8 GA-Q Eat 6:00PM Meet 7:00PM	9	10	11 GA-M Eat 6:00PM Meet 7:00PM GA-K Eat 6:30PM Meet 7:30PM	12  Lincoln Birthdays	13 GA-D Eat 10:00AM Meet 11:00AM
14 	15 GA-O Eat 6:30PM Meet 7:30PM  Washington Birthdays	16	17	18 GA-D-2 Eat 6:30PM Meet 7:30PM	19	20 GA-I-2 11AM-1PM GA-J 11AM-1PM GA-A SPM-7PM GA-C-2 SPM-7PM
21	22	23	24	25 GA-H Eat 6:30PM Meet 7:30PM GA-L Eat 7:00PM Meet 8:00PM	26	27 GA-B-2 Eat 8:00AM Meet 9:00AM GA-E-2 Eat 3:00PM Meet 4:00PM
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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.