



Goldwing Road Riders Association

GEORGIA DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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DISTRICT DIRECTORS TAKE A BREAK FROM RALLY PLANS TO VISIT WITH THE 40 TO PHOENIX RIDERS

On Thursday night, we participated in the 40 to Phoenix dinner delivered to the 40 to Phoenix riders by Georgia Chapter A. We enjoyed a nice Chili dinner at the First Baptist Church of Conyers with all of our friends.

On Friday morning we decided to get on our motorcycle and follow the riders to Birmingham for dinner at the Irondale Café. If you have never been to the Irondale Café, you should put it on your list of things to do. It is the old railroad station area in northeast Birmingham and they serve all the fixings' including wonderful fried green tomatoes. You can enjoy viewing all of the train memorabilia and eat a great country cooking meal for a reasonable price while the still active trains go by. Warning! You may have to wait in line for a train to go by before you can ride home.

We met with all of our friends from Alabama Chapters T and Y, who were the sponsors of the dinner for the 40 to Phoenix riders in their area. Many others were there as well. We went home with Larry and Penny Anthony from Chapter Y, enjoyed a quiet evening of friendship, and then slept well in our comfy hotel bed.

The 40 to Phoenix Ride is a ride via the



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GWRRR Phoenix Office all the way to Mexico if you desire to go that far. You can join them by making reservations online or you can just join in the fun at the places they stop. Conyers is their first stop and Birmingham (Irondale) their second. I think after that they go somewhere near Memphis. It was a very much needed break for us since we have been living Rally, Rally, Rally for months. The break was nice! Join us next year. It is fun!

Larry and Pamela Clemmer
Georgia District Directors

2017 GEORGIA DISTRICT WING FLING THEME ANNOUNCED

After a successful 2016 Georgia District Rally, Larry and Pamela Clemmer, Georgia District Directors, proudly announced the 2017 Georgia District Rally will be held in Dalton, Georgia on June 22 - 24, 2017.

Those who attended this years rally were told



that 'Wingin' at the Races' was the theme. It's time to race to the district website and grab your registration form now for next years event. We're planning to have a great time and invite you to come have FUN with us!



Jim & Kay Elrod

Asst. District Directors North

Well, the sun is out and the tempature is suppose to get to 64 degrees, which is some good weather to ride. Not to cold and not to warm, just right. Before you start your ride, please do a T-CLOCK on your bike so there are no mishaps down the road. This won't say that nothing will not happen, but it will better your chances that they won't.

The Rally season is starting, along with the chapter fun days. I am hoping to see a lot of you very soon. Lets get out there and have fun, and visit with old friends and new ones. We can still act a fool and be safe.

Don't forget the Ga. Rally is April 23 – 25, 2016. Looking forward to see you soon.

Jim and Kay Elrod

Asst. District Directors North



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 Frank Teasley, Alabama District Director, at teaswing@bham.rr.com for more information and to see how to participate.

Chapter D Couple of the Year



Rex & Nancy Abbott

Nancy is the Chapter D MEC, the wife of Rex Abbott and mother of Alexis (20) and Eric (18). She is 58, and a retired school teacher of 30 years. At present she manages a small business called Material Memories making custom t-shirts, baby clothes and quilts. Rex has been a Financial Advisor for Edward Jones for 29 years. Alexis is a sophomore at University of North Georgia, and Eric is a freshman at Kennesaw State University. They live an active lifestyle of roving in their small 23 foot RV (View) and riding their Goldwing. Nancy says "Life has been good to us".

Both Rex and Nancy grew up in Michigan. Nancy came from Alpena and Rex from Standish. They met when she taught in Standish and had a brief eight month courtship before their wedding in June--- that was 29 years ago. They have lived in

St. Augustine, FL, Dublin, GA, and now their final home in Cumming, GA. Rex & Nancy LOVE to travel and have had the opportunity to see the world thanks to Edward Jones.

Both of their families—personal and Chapter D mean a lot to them. Nancy says it has been an honor to be a member of Chapter D and meet a varied bunch of people from all walks of life with different interests. What do they say—"Variety is the spice of life". She also LOVES that Chapter D is so active, always striving to encourage its members to participate and interact to build bonds of friendship.

As yet, she says, to be honest, "I have not done a thorough job of being the chapters MEC due to an active schedule I keep, but hope to remedy that in the future. I DO LOVE MY CHAPTER."



KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Pam Fowler & Family - GA-A

Dean Watts - B-2

Joyce Piotrowski & Family - GA-A

Chuck & Anne Reed & Family - GA-F-2

Mike & Sandy Burns & Family - GA-S

Well, it's finally RALLY TIME!!!!



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

Go back to May of 2015, when I was asked to assist with the Vendor Coordinator, Jim Elrod - that sneaky rascal!! When Larry and Pam Clemmer took over as the Georgia District Directors, Larry asked me to take on the position of Vendor Coordinator. The first thing I did was talk to Jim about it. I wanted to be sure I wasn't stepping on ANY toes by taking on the Vendor Coordinator job. He assured me it was his idea, and gave me his blessing.

I have contacted and worked with over 160 different Vendors in the last 10 months, and they are a good group of folks. Every one of them I talked to was the nicest of people. Some were interested in our Rally, and to others, our Rally wasn't their cup of tea. Some already had plans a year in advance. But there were 45 that WERE interested in

our Rally. One had to cancel due to health, one passed away, and the other one had employee concerns. So we ended up with 42!!!

There have been several members of GWRRA here in Georgia that have sent me names, phone numbers and email addresses - thanks go out to everyone that helped.

I'm looking forward to a GREAT RALLY, and now all we need is for the members to show up and support these guys. Remember, this is not a sport for them; this is how they make their living. So, come on up to Dalton and show your support. And hopefully they'll come back next year.

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

Training Opportunities Coming In May

Well, the great 2016 Georgia Wing Fling has come and gone. If you were not there, you missed one of the best rallies I have ever been to, short of Wing Ding. The venue was superb, being totally indoors, however the weather was fantastic, so outdoors would have worked. We had the most vendors I have ever seen at a rally. If you did not come to Wing Fling this year you really missed out. Hopefully we will see you there next year.

As many of you have heard by now, Chapter A and the Georgia District lost one of their long time members in Bill Fowler. Bill had been sick for some time, but wanted to attend the 2016 Wing Fling Rally. After many hours of bugging Pam to go to the rally, she gave in and they attended. We spent some time talking together the last day of the rally and I could tell that Bill had a great time and was glad he came. I am happy to say that I was privileged to be able to have known him. Bill was a great friend to GWRRA and will be missed. Please keep Pam and her family in your thoughts and prayers during this trying time.



Many great training opportunities are coming up in May that I encourage all to attend. On May 15, 2016 we will offer an **Intermediate Leadership Skills Program** at the Paulding County Chamber of Commerce, 455 Jimmy Campbell Parkway, Dallas, Ga. Please park and enter through the rear. Classes will begin at 9:00 am. Also being offered on May 28, 2016 is a **Newly Revised and Revamped OCP** (Officer Certification Program). Whether you are an officer, want to be an officer or are just a member wanting to know a little more about how GWRRA works or even if you have



Jim & Dee Allen
Georgia District Trainers

been before, I encourage you to attend. It will be held at the DeKalb County Police Department, 2842 H F Shepard Drive, Decatur GA. Classes will begin at 9:00 am. Everyone is invited to both classes and all are encouraged to attend.

Due to unforeseen circumstances the OCP class scheduled for June 18, 2016 in Lawrenceville, Ga, has been postponed as the location for the class is no longer available. We will reschedule the class as we know more.

Jim and Dee Allen
Master Trainers, Georgia District Trainers



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



Hope to see you there.
Frank & Melinda Brothers
 Rider Educators, Medic First Aid

GWRRA MEMBERSHIP PROGRAMS:

Individual Membership:

For individual Members only, this membership is for the person who owns a Gold Wing or Valkyrie motorcycle and pays the annual membership fee of \$45 for one year, \$85 for two years and \$120 for three years.

Family Membership:

For families with two or more people in the same household who own a Gold Wing or Valkyrie motorcycle and pay the annual membership fee of \$55 for one year, \$105 for two years and \$150 for three years.

Associate Individual Membership:

For those individuals who wish to take advantage of GWRRA and its benefits, do not own a Gold Wing or Valkyrie and pay the annual membership fee of \$45 for one year, \$85 for two years and \$120 for three years.

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Life Membership:

For those individuals who have been a Member of GWRRA for twenty consecutive years and pay a nominal annual membership fee of \$20 per year.

Subscription Only:

The subscriber receives 12 issues of Wing World magazine for \$40 per year.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Customer Service at customerservice@gwrra.org or call 800-843-9460 at your convenience.

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REGION 'A' RALLY GRAND PRIZE - DRAWING OCT 29

We are pleased to announce GWRRA Southeast Region 'A' is a proud sponsor of the 2017 WINGERS-N-WAVES Cruise. On January 22, 2017, the 3rd Annual WINGERS-N-WAVES cruise event departs from Port Canaveral, FL (Orlando) and sails to St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, St. Maarten and Nassau, Bahamas. The amazing Oasis of the Seas by Royal Caribbean is the largest ship in the world at 225,000 tons. You will have the opportunity to meet Wingers from all over the country! For full event details and reservations please visit www.wingersnwaves.com or call (386) 299-7535

And folks, the cruise is for two and is one of the bodacious Grand Prizes that will be drawn during the closing ceremonies of the Southeast Region 'A' Rally Oct 27-29, 2016. Yep, this is one of the best Grand Prizes we've ever had for the Region Rally and it's all for you. I expect there are many folks who would want to get in on the opportunity to win this fabulous Grand Prize so please help me spread the word.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 19
Alabama District Convention
Eufaula, AL

July 14-16
South Carolina Rally
Anderson, SC

Sept. 22-24
NC District Rally
Cherokee, NC

Oct. 13-15
Mississippi District Rally
Gulfport MS

Aug. 31-Sept 3
Wing Ding
Billings, MT

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

May 2016

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MAY DAY		CA-S Eat 6:00PM Meet 7:00PM		CA-T Eat 6:00PM Meet 7:00PM CINCO DE MAYO		CA-R Eat 8:30AM Meet 10:00AM CA-F-2 Eat at 12PM Meet at 1:00PM
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
MOTHER'S DAY	CA-Q Eat 6:00PM Meet 7:00PM			CA-M Eat 6:00PM Meet 7:00PM CA-K Eat 6:30PM Meet 7:30PM		CA-D Eat 10:00AM Meet 11:00AM
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	CA-O Eat 6:30PM Meet 7:30PM			CA-D-2 Eat 6:30PM Meet 7:30PM		CA-I-2 11AM-1PM CA-J 11AM-1PM CA-A 5PM-7PM CA-C-2 5PM-7PM
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
				CA-H Eat 6:00PM Meet 7:00PM CA-L Eat 6:00PM Meet 7:00PM		CA-B-2 Eat 8:00AM Meet 9:00AM CA-E-2 Eat 3:00PM Meet 4:00PM
29	30	31	Notes:			
	MEMORIAL DAY					

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.