



Goldwing Road Riders Association

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YOUR DIRECTORS ARE ON THE ROAD!

As we write this article for the newsletter, we are sitting in our hotel room in Billings, Montana. Yesterday we were riding through Wyoming and the Yellowstone National Park. The day before that we were in Colorado sitting at a table with a picture window watching for bear, elk and deer. Beautiful! That night we saw a gray wolf and her pup after a rabbit.

On Monday we were in Memphis, TN eating at The Rendezvous, Tuesday in Hollister, MO at a beautiful time share near Branson, Tuesday in Santa Rosa, NM, and on Wednesday we arrived at the house we rented in Allenspark, CO. While there we rode the Rocky Mountain National Park and saw elk, deer and a golden Marmot. Lots of Magpies and hawks too. So peaceful!

We left Colorado and rode through Wyoming. We saw a rattlesnake on the way and lots and lots of Antelope and some Elk also. One of the most fabulous rides was through the Wind River Canyon. It is the only river that actually cuts through the Rocky Mountains directly, and not following the passes.

We entered the Yellowstone National Park on Sunday at Cody, WY and saw Buffalo, Elk, Black Bear, Pika and ground squirrels. We couldn't find a Moose. We visited the Hot Mud Flats (volcanic sulfur springs), shopped at the General Store, and saw miles and miles of beautiful scenery. We also saw lots of Goldwingers there.

Now we are in Billings ready for Wing



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Georgia District Directors

Ding. Georgia will work the registration desk at Wing Ding on Thursday, and hope all of you who are here enjoy the activities and the vendors. If you missed this Wing Ding, hope you will plan on going next year. And, if you ever get the chance to come to Billings, plan a vacation and have fun!

We will be back to Georgia soon, maybe :).

Larry and Pamela Clemmer

Georgia District Directors

P.S. On our travel to Billings we saw rain, wind, heat, and high elevations. Please remember if you plan a long trip to bring all the gear for these situations. The stores in the Rocky Mountain area sell small, easy to use, oxygen canisters for those affected by the altitude. You can hold them easily on the bike. Rain gear, cool vests, and Gerbing heated gear kept us comfortable and having fun!

START PLANNING NOW FOR THE 2017 GEORGIA DISTRICT WING FLING

Larry and Pamela Clemmer, Georgia District Directors, proudly announce that the 2017 Georgia District Rally will be held in Dalton, Georgia on June 22 - 24, 2017.

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!





VISIT OTHER CHAPTERS AND ENJOY THE FALL WEATHER

The weather has been working against us this summer for our rides. First, it was rain, then more rain, and now it's just plain HOT. I guess "Mother Nature" thought the ground needed some water and then some HEAT to dry the water. Of course rain and heat take away a little bit of the fun from our riding, but it does not mean that we stop riding. We just have to be mindful, and prepare for the weather. As you all know, this time of the year there is always a chance of a pop-up shower.

We want to encourage everyone to make ride suggestions for the upcoming weeks and months. Everyone has a favorite place to ride to or a special place to visit. What about another GWRRA Chapter visitation? Other chapters are doing other things than your home chapter may be doing. Go and check them out. You may even make some new friends while you are there. With fall approaching, we are hoping to do a lot of riding to make up for lost time with this heat.

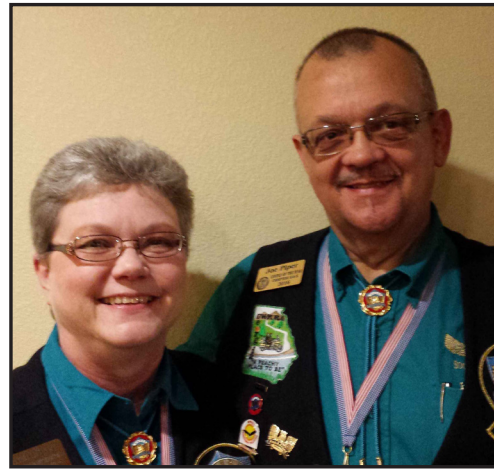
There have been a lot of District and Chapter events already this year and there are a few events still planned. Try and attend some of these if you can. Wing Ding in Billings, MT (Aug. 31-Sept 3), Chapter R Picnic in Acworth, GA (Sept. 10), NC District Rally in Cherokee, NC (Sept. 22-24), Mississippi District Rally in Gulfport, MS (Oct. 13-15), and Wind Down in Fayetteville, GA (Nov. 5). These are only a few of them. Now, plan a few of your own rides and enjoy.

Most children are back in school. Now, we just have to be on the lookout for school buses and children getting off the buses and walking home. Most children are anxious to get home and may not be looking too much when crossing the highway. Let's do our part and look out for the children.

I guess with children back in school, football games will take over some of our time on the weekend but let's get out there and ride whenever we can. We all want to enjoy these motorcycles that we have.

Thanks,
Barry and Barbara Owens
Asst. District Directors South

Chapter S Couple of the Year



Janel & Joe Piper

GWRRA came into our lives almost 3 years ago. We had just experienced our 11th move, in 4 states, in over 36 years of marriage. We are not new to motorcycle riding, just new to GWRRA. Joe and I met in 1967 at a stock car race. It was the summer before Joe started 7th grade and I would be going into 6th grade. He was 12 years old that day at the race track when he told me then that he was going to marry me someday. I was 11. You can guess at how embarrassed I was, and my family friend who witnessed it, teased me the rest of the summer. We met again when I started 7th grade when we ended up in the cafeteria line across the room from each other, and, well, the courtship continued. We dated all through high school and spent many weekends riding our motorcycles around back roads. Joe had a green Honda 125 and I had an orange Honda 90. My favorite memories from back then are being Joe's co rider as we rode around our Pennsylvania back roads.

Many years have passed. Three children and 6 grandchildren later, we have recently celebrated our 39th wedding anniversary. Joe has had different motorcycles throughout our marriage

but we never rode like we did when we were younger. That all changed when we bought our 94 Goldwing a few years ago. Our kids thought we had suicidal tendencies when we bought the Goldwing and immediately left on a 3 day maiden voyage to Niagara Falls. That was soon followed up with a trip to northern Wisconsin to visit my sister and my parents. They thought it was a phase, but we love the feel of the open road and enjoyed riding together again. It was like we were teens again, just older and wiser.

Since we have both retired, Joe, from 40 years as a field service technician, and my 35 years in the mental health field, we have lots of time to explore the wonderful back roads of our newly adopted state of Georgia. When we aren't on the bike, Joe is tinkering with repairing old clocks and I create quilts.

Our newly adopted family of GWRRA has been a pleasant addition to our lives. We enjoy our friendship with others through GWRRA and are proud to be Couple of the Year for Chapter S, Winder, Georgia. As the current Chapter Directors for Chapter S, it is an honor and privilege to be part of such a wonderful organization.

Janel and Joe Piper

Chapter S Directors

Chapter S Couple of the Year 2016



KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Bob Olander - GA-A

Don Taylor - GA-D

Garland Dennis - GA-T, GA District Staff

Bob and Karla Greer & Family - GA-A

Don Jenkins - GA-A

If you have members that you would like to see listed in this section, please email us.

TAKE THE TIME TO PROTECT EMAILS

I would like to talk about a different subject this month. E-Mails. As you know a lot of the members are getting their e-mail hacked into. We need to do as much as we can to protect all of our members. As officers we signed an oath to do this.

When you send out e-mails please send it as a BCC. This stands for Blind Carbon Copy. This way, no one sees the address. I receive a lot of e-mails that have hundreds of e-mail address on them. This makes it easy for anyone to steal your address. There are people out there that will buy e-mail lists. You could send out a e-mail, and it gets forwarded, and then gets forwarded again. Before long you have a long list of addresses

If you get an e-mail with addresses on them, please clean them up if you are going to forward them. This is the only way to keep the email address secure for those to whom



you send emails.

The next time you send out E-mails, click on the BCC tab in the send to box to attach the addresses this will help keep our members E-mails Safe.

Until next time,
Ride Safe

Frank & Melinda Brothers
Rider Educators, Medic First Aid



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*Rider Educators/
Medic First Aid*

GWRRRA and Learning Valuable Skills

Over the years all of us have attended training with GWRRRA that teaches each of us how to ride our bikes with more skill and be safer while on the road. GWRRRA gets its 501 3(c) status from the Rider Education Program. As a result, 51% of our training activity must be directed towards this endeavor in order for this organization to maintain our NOT-FOR-PROFIT status. This is very important and valuable information for each of us to know and understand while riding your bike.

Now that each of us know how to ride our bikes with more skill and safer while on the road, what about your personal life. How would you like to learn the same skill and safety in dealing with everyday life? Do you have a problem remembering names, managing change, speaking in public, with your self-esteem, managing stress,



Jim & Dee Allen
Georgia District Trainers



or managing time? Would you like to learn how to deal with and manage these situations in everyday life? On **October 9, 2016** a **Life Skills Program** is being offered at the **Paulding County Chamber of Commerce, 455 Jimmy Campbell Parkway, Dallas, Georgia**. Each of us could use a little help with our personal life and here is the opportunity to get this training free of charge among the great friends you have made while in GWRRRA.

All members are encouraged and invited to attend. This training may be just the knowledge you were looking for to make your personal life run the way you always dreamed it should. Please come and join us.

Jim and Dee Allen
Master Trainers
Georgia District Trainers

COSTCO COUPONS – JOIN COSTCO AS A NEW MEMBER AND RECEIVE COUPONS FOR FREE PRODUCTS AND OTHER SAVINGS, VALUED AT MORE THAN \$50.

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Now you can save money on thousands of brand-name items every day. From fresh foods and health & beauty items to clothing and electronics, you'll find everything you need for your home or business.



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AND GO TO THE MEMBERS
DROP DOWN MENU AND
CLICK ON BENEFITS**



3rd Annual WINGERS-N-WAVES Cruise January 22, 2017 *Make Plans Today!*

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.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 10 Chapter R Summer Picnic

Dallas Landing,
5120 Allatoona Landing, Acworth GA

Sept. 22-24 NC District Rally Cherokee, NC

Oct. 13-15 Mississippi District Rally Gulfport MS

Nov. 5 Wind Down Fayetteville, GA

HOT POTATO IN NEW HANDS

Chapter Q currently has the Hot Potato and they are itching to get rid of it.

Chapter A gave Chapter O the Travelers Plaque on their Fun Day.

UPCOMING RALLY INFORMATION

9/22-24/16 WINGS OVER THE SMOKIES

- Cherokee, NC Hotels: BAYMONT INN, CHEROKEE GRAND HOTEL, CHEROKEE LODGE, CHEROKEE MOTEL & CABINS, CHESTNUT TREE INN Just to name a few. Event Center: Acquoni Center, Cherokee, NC. For more information, download a flyer at gwrranc.org.

10/13/16 MISSISSIPPI DISTRICT RALLY

-- Gulfport, MS 'Host Hotel' HOLIDAY INN Gulfport, with adjacent hotels BEST WESTERN Plus - Seaway Inn, and CLARION INN Gulfport. Three (3) excellent Hotels for your individual choice; be sure to mention MS-GWRRA for special rate. Room pricing may increase after Sept. 22. For more info; visit www.miss.gwrra-regional.org to access our Rally Flyer or contact Harry Schafer at 662-420-7238 or hjs18wing@comcast.net.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 GA-T Eat 6:00PM Meet 7:00PM CANCELLED	2	3 GA-R Eat 8:30AM Meet 9:00AM GA-F-2 Eat at 12PM Meet at 1:00PM
4	5 Labor Day	6 GA-S Eat 6:00PM Meet 7:00PM	7	8 GA-M Eat 6:00PM Meet 7:00PM GA-K Eat 6:30PM Meet 7:30PM	9	10 GA-D Eat 9:00AM Meet 10:00AM GA-B Eat 8:00AM Meet 8:30AM
11	12 GA-Q Eat 6:00PM Meet 7:00PM	13	14	15 GA-D-2 Eat 6:30PM Meet 7:30PM	16	17 GA-I-2 11AM-1PM GA-J 11AM-1PM GA-A 5PM-7PM GA-C-2 5PM-7PM
18	19 GA-O Eat 6:30PM Meet 7:30PM	20	21	22 GA-H Eat 6:00PM Meet 7:00PM GA-L Eat 6:00PM Meet 7:00PM	23	24 GA-B-2 Eat 8:00AM Meet 9:00AM GA-E-2 Eat 3:00PM Meet 4:00PM
25	26	27	28	29	30	

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.