



Goldwing Road Riders Association

GEORGIA DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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WE ARE BETTER TOGETHER!

We were attending a picnic last Sunday and the speaker was discussing how each of us are individuals, but yet we are better together as a whole supporting one another around a common goal.

This principle of being better together applies to us as GWRRA participants. We are all individuals with our own lives. We are brought together by our love of motorcycling.

As an association, we form into chapters to enjoy our love of motorcycling and to share the comradery that comes from being in a group.

Just as we are individuals who like "to do our own thing", I see chapters who are "doing their own thing" and not supporting the other chapters. I am not saying I want chapters to stop doing their own thing, but if individuals are indeed better in chapters, then why are chapters not better off supporting each other and our district and doing activities together?

The last two chapter events in the Georgia District were not attended to the level one would have expected. I realize that Chapter R's picnic was very close to Wing Ding, but having only eleven outside chap-



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Georgia District Directors

ter members did not even pay their expenses. Chapter H's Plaque Attack was only attended by one chapter.

In closing, I hope you as members will continue to support your chapter, and do your own thing, and as chapters I hope you will agree to support other chapters and your district team in the future. We are truly better together.

Larry and Pamela Clemmer
Georgia District Directors

GWRRA GEORGIA WIND DOWN 2016

Saturday, November 5, 2016 - 10:00 am

**McDonough Road Baptist Church Gym, 352 McDonough Road,
Fayetteville, GA**

No Registration fee

2017 District Couple Selection

Free Lunch

Games, Door Prizes & 50/25/25

Great Friends

Lots of Fun!!!

**Come join us as we "Wind Down
another riding season. Let your
District Team show their
appreciation by providing lunch.
Show your support for the
Chapter Couples of the Year as
We select one couple to
represent our District in 2017.**

The fun is there for the taking...all we need is YOU!

ANOTHER THOUGHT FROM YOUR DIRECTOR

In this political year we all hear a lot of political “stuff”. I was listening to a discussion and reminded of John F. Kennedy’s statement in his inauguration, “Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country.”

Is this not a great principle for any organization, for GWRRA? Ask not what GWRRA can do for you, ask what you can do for GWRRA. While attending many gatherings and meetings lately, the discussions I have heard are that “my chapter is not doing what I want to do. I don’t want to ride to eat. I don’t want to go to that event.”

Are you always complaining about what your chapter is doing? Have you made suggestions on improving your gathering or suggested a new ride? Suggest stops along the way. Why not go a step further still and lead the ride.

All I am suggesting is that you become involved to make your organization better. Make your “I want to do” known and then support your chapter team to complete your “want to do.” Get involved with your chapter.

Get involved with your district. I know



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what you think – those guys or gals in the yellow shirts don’t know what I/we want to do.” My only question is did you make a suggestion? My mailbox is neither full of suggestions nor new volunteers wanting to put their own ideas into action.

My wish in writing this article is for you to become involved with your chapter, district, GWRRA by asking what you can do for GWRRA to make it more fun and improve participation.

Larry and Pamela Clemmer
Georgia District Directors



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

SUPPORT

I just want to bring up an Idea or Thought.

Does your Chapter support the other Chapters in the District?

What do I mean? Do you as a CD, Ride Leader, or Ride Coordinator check the Calendars of other Chapters to see what they have planned? Are they planning a Fun Day or how about their gathering? Do you plan a ride to coincide with their activities?

If you have had a Fun Day, you know the work and planning that goes into such an event. If you have been to one, you know the FUN and comradery you have experienced.

Recently we were at such an event, and even though it had been announced on the District Website, the DD had sent out numerous emails and reminders and the CD had received several phone calls of promises to be there..... not counting the Chapter’s own members there were 11 people there - four of whom were District Staff.

So, remember, if you want them to come to yours - you may need to think about visiting theirs. That is, if you’re into such things.

Just a reminder, IF by chance you get a visit from folks toting a Hot Tater, let me know and send me a picture to put on the website.

Garland & Charlene Dennis
Asst. District Directors East
District Webmaster

Congratulations

to SC-F receiving the
2015 International

GWRRA Chapter Newsletter Award of the Year.
Barbara & Jerry Taylor are the Chapter Directors
and Editors of the SC-F Newsletter.



KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS
The Family of Grace Elaine Wells -
FL1-H
Lynn Edwards - Clanton, Alabama
The family of
Frank and Melinda Brothers

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

Chapter O Couple of the Year



Claire and Steve Shorter

Steve grew up in the Shenandoah Valley, Staunton, Va. Claire was born in New Hampshire, then at the age of 9 the family moved to Tampa, Fl. Steve worked in a sports cycle shop and as a truck driver for a few different companies until his retirement from Roadway Express in 2011. Claire worked at Eastern Cruise Line, Holland American Cruise Line in Miami, Fla. They were introduced by a friend. Claire had a few requirements for Mr. Right and they were "He must be single, have a Corvette and front teeth." Well, Steve met the requirements and they have been married almost 35 years. They have 2 children, Sarah and Tyler and 4 grandchildren. Claire's first ride on a motorcycle was in 1980. Steve had been riding bikes since he was 15. Once she got on the bike she was sold. They have been riding ever since. They got their Goldwing 1800 in 2008 and have been in every state except Nebraska and North Dakota. Their favorite trips are everywhere. They have been to Yellowstone, Yosemite, Arches, Sequoia and Glacier National Park, Redwood Forest, Death Valley, Grand Canyon, Brice Canyon, Pikes

Peak, Bear Tooth Pass in Montana, and Cabot's Trail in Nova Scotia. They have lots of stories, the one most people like for them to tell is the "While riding on the Alcan Highway when we saw a very large grizzly bear minding his own business digging a hole. I wanted to get a picture, and got one of him digging a hole, but I wanted to get a picture of his face. Steve gunned his engine, but a Goldwing doesn't make a loud noise, blew the horn, no response, so I yelled loud. Steve said I could wake up the dead with my yell. The grizzly popped up his head and headed our way. Man, they run fast. We took off as fast as we could. The grizzly circled the road and we kept on going. I didn't get the picture but we did get away."

Steve estimates that so far in his lifetime of riding motorcycles, he has ridden about 850,000 miles. We have over 209,000 miles on our 2008 Goldwing. I can tell you more stories.

We enjoy our friends that we have made with GWRRA's Tifton, Moultrie chapters. Steve has recruited 10 members since we have joined and looking for more. Thanks for our friends, we love them all.

Steve & Claire Shorter
Chapter O Couple of the Year 2016

WATCH THE ROAD



*Article Taken from
September 2016 Region "A" News*

Summer is ending, days are becoming shorter, and now schools are back in session. Kim said she left for work late this morning and got behind two school buses just a half mile from the house. Now we have to watch for those kids standing on the roadsides in the early morning darkness and the extra traffic that the start of school causes. And I thought that summer vacation traffic was heavy!

When you start on your trip to Wing Ding, be focused on the road, traffic and your surroundings. Plan your route if you can, but don't be a slave to it. Remember to take regular breaks, not only from fuel up to fuel up. Bathroom breaks, snack breaks, and stretch breaks are just as important in getting you there safely. The monotony of endless miles of interstate may put you into a slight trance that is sometimes hard to break free from. Take those breaks when you need them, not when you have them scheduled or when your fuel tank necessitates. Ride with others, talk on the CB, chew gum, sing to yourself, talk to your co-rider, count the idiots on the road – something to help pass the miles. Wing Ding will still be there when you get there!

Same thing applies when you return. For a long trip Kim and I always plan a different route home so that we get to see different scenery. It makes the trip more memorable, even if it may be a few miles longer. Kim and I switch off being rider and co-rider which really helps on a long trip. That's when I really notice the 'goings-ons' inside other cars – eating, texting, reading, phone held up to the ear so tightly that I know that's the only thing the driver is focused on! Beware of distracted drivers. Be on the defensive and watch for them, because they are not watching out for you. Stay safe and see you on the road.

Buddy & Kim Summer
Region "A" Motorist
Awareness Coordinators

AUTUMN RIDING

*Taken from the October Issue of the
Region "A" News*

Autumn temperatures can fluctuate over the course of a day. Morning might start out in the low 30s but by mid-afternoon, it could be over 70. Counter these weather changes by dressing in layers.

Leather jackets are perfect for autumn bike riding. In summer, it's often too hot, but in the fall, a leather jacket is a great piece of protection from the wind and dropping temperature. If you buy one that has a removable lining, when it gets warm again. When wearing darker color jackets its recommended to wear a bright color vest. **(Be Visible)**

Also bring multiple pairs of gloves with you if you use your bike to commute. A thick pair could be ideal on a cold morning, but on your ride home, if the temperature has picked up, you might want something lighter.

Look out for riding hazards, like leaves, twigs and other debris from trees often fall into streets during this time of year. While your bike can withstand running over a single leaf, road debris should generally be avoided. Hidden under some leaves could be something sharp that could potentially cause an

accident.

Have rain gear stashed on your bike if possible. The rain paired with chilly weather could cause hypothermia, or at the very least impair your riding ability.

According to the U.S. Federal Highway Administration, 11 % of vehicle accidents are caused by rain. Make sure you're prepared and stay aware of these hazards.

Ride safe and ride often.

Mike & Mary Coral
Region A Educators



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LEARNING SKILLS TO HELP US PERSONALLY

Over the years all of us have attended training with GWRRA that teaches each of us how to ride our bikes with more skill and be safer while on the road. GWRRA gets its 501 3C status from the Rider Education Program and as a result, 51% of our training activity must 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, 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 of-



Jim & Dee Allen
Georgia District Trainers



fered 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 GWRRA.

The training will include the classes which will help all members in both their personal life as well as with their GWRRA participation. The training will help you remember names, manage change, speak in public, listen and communicate, make smart moves, deal with stress management, and how to manage your time.

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 be. Please come and join us.

Jim and Dee Allen
Master Trainers
Georgia District Trainers



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.

**UPCOMING RALLY
 INFORMATION**
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 MSGWRRA for special rate. Room pricing may increase after Sept. 22. For more info; visit www.miss.gwrra-regiona.org to access our Rally Flyer or contact Harry Schafer at 662-420-7238 or hjs18wing@comcast.net.

10/27-29/16

Region "A" 2016 Rally
 LAKEPOINT STATE PARK RE-

SORT LODGE, 104 Lakepoint Dr., Eufaula, AL 36027. CONTACT: Sone' Kornegay 800-544-5253 or 334-687-8011 for lodging information.

OVERFLOW HOTEL/MOTELS
 Econo Lodge 334-687-0166

Comfort Suites 334-616-0114
 Baymont Inn..... 334-687-7747
 Super 8 Inn 334-687-3900
 Days Inn 334-687-1000
 Quality Inn 334-687-4414

**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!



**UPCOMING
 EVENTS**

Oct. 13-15
Mississippi District Rally
 Gulfport MS

Oct. 27 - 29
Region A Rally
 Eufaula, AL

Nov. 5
Wind Down
 Fayetteville, GA

**HOT POTATO
 IN NEW HANDS**

Chapter Q currently has the Hot Potato.
 Are you the next in line?

The Travelers Plaque has been placed in the hands of Chapter H.

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

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.

