



## Goldwing Road Riders Association GEORGIA DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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**Win \$1000! Do not  
have to be present!**

### Why do we sell the red raffle tickets?

First of all this is not written as a criticism of the chapters and its members. We just want to make it clear why we decided to sell the red tickets and not Chapter tickets.

The Georgia District sent out a request to all the chapters back in the fall asking if they wanted to sell the usual "Chapter" tickets. The answer was "no" or we received no answer with the exception of one chapter. Therefore, based on the response, we decided not to print "Chapter" tickets. However, the Georgia District still needed funds for the upcoming 2017 Georgia Wing Fling.

The team decided that since the chapters wanted no "Chapter" tickets to sell, we would print the red raffle tickets to raise money for the District. District Team members were to sell the tickets. When the tickets started being publicized, some chapters volunteered to help sell them so we approached several more to help sell them. We decided to give them 20% for helping. That is \$1 per each book of 5 sold. The red tickets are not the usual "Chapter" tickets. They are to raise money for the Georgia Wing Fling, and we appreciate any help we get from the chapters. Sorry for any confusion this caused.

Wing Fling is very expensive. Affordable facilities are getting scarce. Attendance is down. We don't make money on Wind Down or Chilly Willy or any other way. Wing Fling is it. Without an effort to raise funds through ticket sales, red tickets and other tickets, we will cease to have a Rally. The same goes for Rider Education. They made about a \$100 last year. They cannot operate on so little.

Some fail to realize that we pay for the facility, coffee, electricity hookups, pins, buttons, hanger bars, decorations, copying, snacks and goodies, hotels, postage, first aid supplies, and many other items in order to provide you, the members, a good time at the rally. Our team members work hard and are not paid a penny. They travel to visit their assigned chapters, sometimes overnight, without compensation. We need your support to survive.

We do appreciate the support of those selling the red tickets. We ask for your continued support. We want the chapters to be functional and raise money too. Help us find a way to help the chapters who need funds. Give us your ideas. A change had to be made since most chapters did not want to sell Chapter tickets, and I hope this helps you understand what we did.

Larry and Pamela Clemmer

Georgia District Directors



**WING FLING JUNE 21-24, DALTON, GA. Wingin' at the Races!  
Register Now! [www.gwrra-ga.com](http://www.gwrra-ga.com). FIRST AID RENEWAL of-  
fered at Rally. Call Frank Brothers, District Ride Educator.**



**Hot potato on the move! Does your Chapter expect a visit?**

**Watch for it!**



**COMING SOON TO GA!**

**Register Now!**

**WWW.GWWRA-GA.COM**

**CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED—CALL**

**770-210-8652, GA Directors**



**Dick & Gail Cross**

**Assistant District Directors, North-**

Richard (Dick) and I purchased our GL1800 Goldwing on February 10, 2010. There was information in with our sales agreement about the Gold Wing Road Riders Association. So, both of us being computer "nerds" we went to the web to check it out. Long story short, we joined and started riding with the great group of people in Chapter B2. At first, we were not that active as Dick was still working at Lockheed, but on his retirement the wheels on the "Yellow Peril" started turning. Before we knew it we were on the staff of B2. Dick was Newsletter Editor and Webmaster, and I have had several roles, Activities Coordinator, Rider Educator and

In the past seven years we have put 118,000 plus miles on the bike, traveling 4 times across the USA, ridden 4 Canadian Provinces, taken the bike on a cruise ship and ridden it on 3 islands in the Caribbean. The bike has gone from 2 wheels to 3, and I don't see us stopping anytime soon. If there is free time in the calendar the "go bag" is on the bike and we are gone.

We are honored to take on our new task as Assistant District Directors for NW Georgia, and I look forward to visiting with our assigned Chapters and helping them in any way we can. We will see you all soon.

Ride Smart, Ride Safe, Rubber Side Down and keep it between the mustard and the mayo.

Richard and Gail

### **Our Sick and Hurting**

Lawana Burrell—Chapter A

Jim Allen—Chapter A

Dave & Judy Hurd—Chapter J

Jeff Dennis— Son of Garland and Charleen Dennis—Chapter T

Craig Batt—son of Bernie Batt—Chapter A

Clarence Gregory —Chapter B2

Dennis M—Chapter B

Penny Anthony— Chapter AL T

Larry Watkins— Chapter I2

Debbie Vaughn—Chapter I2

Jane Muriz—Chapter I2



**Still need a pinewood derby car for your chapter?  
Call us! 770-210-8652.**



**GWRRA Motto — "Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge"**



**Frank & Melinda Brothers**  
Georgia District Educators, & MEDIC Coordinators

### Georgia Has Four New Ride Course Instructors

Rider Ed was busy in February. We had four (4) members from Georgia, Norman Morton, Robert Dougher, Dawn Cail and myself (Frank Brothers), complete the course to become ride course instructors in Georgia. Congratulations to Dawn for being the first woman to become a ride instructor in Georgia! We also had Alan Enest from Kentucky, and we were lead by Chuck Reed, Master Instructor. We would like to thank all of them for taking the time to do this. It was a long and hard five days! If you see them, please thank them for their dedication to the members of GWRRA.

We have had seminars, First Aid and TRC classes this month. You need to be on the lookout for up coming classes and take part in them. There is always something you can pick up in any one of the classes. Ride Safe! Frank and Melinda

### COMING GEORGIA EVENTS

Chapter T Fun Day, April 8th

Chapter B2 Traveling Scavenger Hunt,  
April 29th

Chapter Q' Dessert Auction & BBQ,  
May 13th

Chapter R Picnic, September 23rd

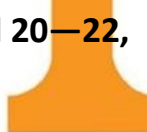
Chapter A Fall Harvest September 30th



### Tennessee Rally

**Fabulous Fifties!**

April 20—22,



**FUN**

### Rally Time!!!! Come Join Us!!!!



Rally May 5-7,  
2017

### Alabama Rally



May 18-20, 2017, Mobile, AL

Wings Over the  
Smokies

Sept. 28-30  
Welcome To  
NORTH CAROLINA

In Florida, GEORGIA Won

Largest Attendance for

Region A !

### Mississippi Rally

Gulfport, AL

October 12-14, 2017



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**Bob and Karla Greer**  
Motorist Awareness Coordinators



## **Motorist Awareness Program**

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce ourselves. We are Bob & Karla Greer your new Georgia District Motorist Awareness Coordinators.

Just a few days ago the March 2017 Insight Focus Newsletter was published. In that publication Mike & Barri Critzman, Motorist Awareness Program Directors announced the New and Improved Motorist Awareness Program. I invite you to read the entire article as well as reading the entire Insight Focus Newsletter every month. This newsletter can be found by clicking on the following links from the GWRRA Home Web Page. <http://www.gwrro.org/>

At the top of the page click on OFFICERS and drag cursor to INSIGHT NEWSLETTER and click. This will bring you to this web page <http://gwrro.org/oconnect/newsletter.html>

From here, near the top of the page find the words Insight Newsletter and right below that you see View Full Page or Download link. Click on that link and the entire Insight Focus Newsletter will open up. If you want to look at older versions of the Insight Focus Newsletter, you can find those links in the page just before you download the entire current month's version.

**Join Us!**



**Norman & Wendy Morton**  
Membership Enhancement Coordinators



What is the New and Improved Motorist Awareness Program (MAP)? Below is the Motto, Slogan and Mission and I am sure we will be hearing and learning more in the upcoming months.

### GWRRA Motorist Awareness Program

Our Motto: "Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge"

Our Slogan: "Help Us Survive the Ride"

Our Mission: "To educate the motoring public to be more aware of motorcyclists and how they ride the road in an effort to reduce the number of motorcycle accidents, and to continue GWRRA's positive relationship between motorcyclists and the general public."

Karla & I are excited to venture into this new and improved Motorist Awareness Program. This is especially extraordinary to us since back around 2004, we were asked to be the very first Georgia District Motorist Awareness Coordinators when this program, then "Division", was initially introduced into GWRRA. Now we have been given the opportunity to be a part of this New and Improved Motorist Awareness PROGRAM as it takes off.

Next month I will tell you how you can be an active and integral part of the New and Improved Motorist Awareness Program in your own Chapter.

Bob and Karla Greer

This month, we had several chapters tell the District Team that they had added new members to their roster. Chapter I 2 has 4 new members and Chapters B and B2 also added new people.

And, one chapter was celebrating because the new members are younger! It is nice to know that the younger ones will be there to take over when we can't do things anymore. Please let us know of your ideas for Membership Enhancement. We are interested in what you do to recruit and retain members.

Norm & Wendy

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## **Couple of the Year for 2017—Chapter J**

### **Bill and Barbara Schleicher**

I was born in Houston TX and met my husband, Bill, at a Tech School where I learned accounting and Bill learned computers (the old way with punch cards). We were married in June 1972 and lived in Biloxi MS for two months while Bill finished his Tech School Training in the Air Force. We moved to San Antonio, TX and Bill did a 6 year stint at Kelly Air Force Base, TX. He then became a civilian in the Department of Defense (DoD) working as a Flight Test Engineer on the C-5, C-130, C-141, T-38, T-37, F-102, F-106, and F15 aircraft. I worked as an Accounting Supervisor at Fox Photo for 20 years and as an Office Manager for Dataworks/NCR for 6 years. Kelly AFB, TX closed due to Base Realignment and Consolidation and Bill transferred to Robins AFB, GA in 1998. I obtained a job as an Accounting Tech for the Air Force Reserve Command (AFRC) at Robins AFB, GA and was promoted several times completing my working career as Chief of Accounting for the AFRC. Bill retired in January 2008 after 37 years with the DoD and I retired in July 2014. We built a house in Young Harris, GA due to needing a big garage for the Goldwing and Harley Touring Bikes (toys, toys, toys).

We have two sons. Jay is a Senior Chemical Engineer with the General Electric Gas and Oil division in San Antonio, TX and Stephen is an F15 Aircraft Mechanic at Robins AFB, GA. Jay and his wife, Misty, have given us five terrific grandchildren - 2 granddaughters and 3 grandsons. Stephen, at the present time, has his Hemmingway cat, Hemi. He will, however, be getting married in May 2017 to Miranda who has an 11 year old daughter. They both reside in Lafayette, LA and are looking forward to moving to GA.

Our first bike was a used 1999 Honda Shadow. It was traded in for a brand new 2005 Honda Goldwing 1800, which we eventually triked. It definitely was a trade up as you just can't beat a Goldwing for power and for comfort. We also have a 2013 Ultra Limited Anniversary Edition Harley. We have made trips to Rolling Thunder in Washington, DC, Wyoming, Virginia and Key West, FL. Bill has also ridden to Sacramento, CA and back with the national HOG group. We are not now GWRRA members of Chapter J in Hiawassee, GA.

Bill and Barbara

## **Couple of the Year for 2017—Chapter B2**

### **Jeff and Susan Poirier**

We joined GWRRA Chapter B2 in May 2005 after we bought our first bike, a 1998 Valkyrie Trike. Jeff became Treasurer in 2006 and still is. Along the way I've had various positions, helping wherever I am needed, including my position now as historian.

Jeff still has his Valkyrie, and I got a 2005 Suzuki 650 Burgman in 2007 and then in 2015 got a 1998 Goldwing with sidecar.

In 2007 we became Couple of the Year and competed for District Couple of the Year, came in 2nd place and were honored to become 2008 Georgia District Ambassadors. In 2017 we again were honored to be 2017 Couple of the Year for B2.

We have taken many courses and classes that GWRRA has presented with great teachers, and hopefully we will be Masters by



the end of the year.

We have enjoyed and cherished every minute with our GWRRA/B2 Family and hope to continue for many years to come.

Jeff and Susan

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## Motorist Awareness Safety Break Very Successful!



On March 11th and 12th Chapter L conducted their annual I-75 Biker Coffee Break for travelers moving South on I-75 to all destinations, and encouraged as many Bikers as possible headed to “Bike Week” in Daytona Beach, FL, to ride and drive safely. On average, six (6) riders are killed each year at Bike Week while in the Central Florida area. Our mission is to engage drivers, bikers, bus drives and all travelers in general with conversations about using safe driving habits. Our conversations were not just about bikes, but about being a safe driver around all vehicles on the road, while we offered them a hot cup of coffee, a snack or a bottle of water. Our interactions were to address safety on the road, promote courteous driving habits and especially to be on the lookout for motorcyclist. “Basically just asking/reminding them to use plain old common sense while driving.” I feel our Rome Chapter L along with Chapter B2 from Douglasville, did this very successfully over the weekend of March 11th and 12th talking to over 1400 travelers. We challenged and encouraged some passengers to count the number of motorcycles they saw while traveling, and to make sure they always pay attention to everyone on the road when they are in the driver’s seat., “especially for bikers”. “Riding a bike is supposed to be “FUN”, one gentleman told me, “but I often feel like a target while riding around four wheelers. We have the same road rights as everyone on the road does he said, however, some four wheelers don’t see it this way and therefore, we must constantly be vigilant when riding.” He is exactly right, but we as two and three wheel riders must also remember that courtesy goes both ways, both as a rider and as vehicle drivers. We (bikers) should never take liberties not afforded to all travelers on the roads and to always obey traffic laws, not to mention being courteous ourselves. Our message was loud and clear to all as we presented that everyone needs to represent good driver and rider habits on any road. I know e made a difference to some, hopefully to a lot.

2,007 travelers visited the Georgia Welcome Center. We handed out 10’s of dozens of snacks, 20 gallons of coffee, 5 gallons hot chocolate, and over 600 bottles of water. We handed out Safety literature, previous Wing World magazines, Emergency Medical info contact folders, and Chapter welcoming/information cards.

**Note:** Georgia Chapter B2 also did the safety break on March 12th and Georgia Chapter A held a Safety Break on I-75 at the Rest Area North of Macon, Georgia on March 11th. Others plan to do it later.



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# April 2017

SPRING IS HERE! LET'S RIDE!

| Sun | Mon   | Tue  | Wed | Thu  | Fri | Sat  |
|-----|---|--|-----|--|-----|--|
|     |   |  |     |  |     | 1 <b>Chapter R</b> , Eat 8:30 am—Meet 10:00 am, IHOP, Canton, GA;<br><b>Chapter F2</b> , eat 12:00 pm—meet 2:00 pm,, New Ming Wah, Augusta, GA   |
| 2   | 3   | 4 <b>Chapter S</b> , Eat 6:00 pm—meet 7:00 pm, Golden Corral, Winder, GA | 5   | 6 <b>Chapter T</b> meet 6:00 pm—eat 7:00 pm, Hibachi Grill, Athens, GA   | 7   | 8 <b>Chapter B</b> , Eat 8:30 am—Meet 9:30 am, Come & Get It, Marietta, GA;<br><b>Chapter D</b> , Eat 10:00 am , Meet 11- am, Golden Corral, Cummings, GA ; <b>CHAPTER T FUN DAY</b>   |
| 9   | 10 <b>Chapter Q</b> , Eat 6:00 pm—meet 7:00 pm, Hibachi Buffet, Warner Robins, GA | 11   | 12  | 13 <b>Chapter M</b> , Eat 6:00 pm, meet 7:00 pm, Harvey's Buffet, Moultrie, GA; <b>Chapter K</b> , Eat 6:30 pm—meet 7:30 pm, Denny's , Brunswick | 14  | 15 <b>Chapter I2</b> , Eat 11:00 am—meet 12:00 pm, Shoney's, Lavonia.; <b>Chapter J</b> , Eat 11:00 am—meet 12:00 pm, Daniel's, Hiassee'; <b>Chapter C-2</b> , Eat 5:00 pm—meet 6:00 pm, Perkins, S. Savannah; <b>Chapter A</b> , Eat 5:00 pm—Meet 6:00 pm, So Cooking, McDonough, GA. |
| 16  | 17 <b>Chapter O</b> , Eat 6:30 pm—meet 7:30 pm, Golden Corral, Tifton, GA         | 18   | 19  | 20 <b>Chapter D2</b> , Eat 6:30 pm—Meet 7:30 pm, Western Sizzlin', Dalton, GA  | 21  | 22 <b>Chapter B-2</b> , East 8:00 am—meet 9:00 am, Beaver Cr.Biscuit Co., Lithia Springs; <b>Chapter E2</b> , Eat 3:00 pm—meet 4:00 pm, Western Sizzlin', Pooler, GA   |
| 23  | 24  | 25   | 26  | 20 <b>Chapter H</b> , Eat 6:00 pm—Meet 7:00 pm, Ryan's, Albany, GA; <b>Chapter L</b> , East 6:00 pm—Meet 7:00 pm, Landmark, Rome, GA.            | 28  | 29<br><b>Chapter B2 Scavenger Hunt</b>   |
| 30  |   |  |     |  |     |  |



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