



## Goldwing Road Riders Association GEORGIA DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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### Do you recognize your Chapter Members for a job well done?

Recently, GWRRA asked the Chapter Directors to nominate outstanding members of their chapter, who were doing the Motorist Awareness job for 2016, as candidates for the **Motorist Awareness Person of the Year**. Several of our Rider Educators (who were also Motorist Awareness in 2016) come to mind for this; However, no Chapter Directors stepped up to nominate anyone. Why? Other states do this, why are we not doing it in Georgia?

We have chances to nominate Rider Educators, Motorist Awareness Coordinators, Membership Enhancement Coordinators, and others during the year. Emails are sent to Chapter Directors about these activities. We are concerned that this is not happening in Georgia. There are those who are doing outstanding work with their chapters, but the Chapter has to do the nominating. Just report the names to the appropriate member of the District Staff. Such as Motorist Awareness to Bob Greer, the District Motorist Awareness Coordinator, or to Frank Brothers, the District Ride Educator, or Norm Morton, the MEC. Or, you can contact us.

The District recognizes outstanding Chapter Directors as Senior Directors, and we hope to do so this year. I know you can look around and see what is being done in your chapter. Let us know if you have a person who does it all and does it well!

You should also recognize members for their loyalty and accomplishments as chapter members. The Couple of the Year Program is one way to do that or you can give a pin, a certificate, a gift card and say thank you! Let them know you are proud they are members in your chapter.

It is too late to nominate for the 2016 Motorist Awareness Person, but be sure to watch out for 2017. You can pick a COY and let Fern and Vance Oakes know. Recognize your members for what they do please. We all love recognition.

Larry and Pamela

**FUN COMING! FIND THE HOT  
WHEELS  
AND WIN!**





**Barry & Barbara Owens**  
Assistant District Directors,  
South



## Focusing on the Fun!!!

**W**hat do you enjoy about being a member of GWRRA? If I were to make a list of all the things I enjoy about GWRRA, it would probably take the rest of this page to list them all. Some of our best friends are a result of relationships we formed in GWRRA. Some of our favorite times have been at GWRRA functions. I have learned a tremendous amount about Gold Wing motorcycles from fellow members who have been willing to share their knowledge. I enjoy riding more because of the things I have learned about riding safely through GWRRA.

However, despite the knowledge and safety I have gained, the thing that drew most of us to GWRRA and that caused us to stay involved is the fun that we have together. Unfortunately, sometime there are those who seem to lose the fun. We sometimes allow other things to come in and crowd out the fun that we used to have. Do we have responsibilities in GWRRA? Yes, we do. Can't we still have fun? Of course not! Every GWRRA member has one responsibility—to pay their dues! However, for those of us who have accepted positions of leadership, in doing so we also accepted another level

of responsibility. We may have things we need to plan, coordinate, or organize. We may have paperwork that we have to complete from time to time or articles that need to be written. Does this mean we can't still have fun? Of course not! I admit that writing an article is not the most exciting thing on my calendar. Planning for the District brings with it a certain amount of stress. However, these are things that have to be done and they are responsibilities that I willfully accepted with this position. That does not mean that I don't still have fun!

If no one is willing to accept responsibilities, then we can't have an association to be a part of and have fun in. There would be no rallies, dinner rides, chapter events, or other fun things to do. However, as leaders, we need to make sure that we don't allow our responsibilities to get in the way of our fun. While we have responsibilities with paperwork, articles, etc., another responsibility of leaders in GWRRA is to provide opportunities for fun. As leaders, others follow our example. If we allow things to get in the way of having fun, then our chapter participants won't have the fun they could have either. Yes, we must fulfill our responsibilities, but let's make sure we are focusing on the fun and sharing in the fun as we go!

One thing to do now is to start making your plans to attend the Georgia District Rally in Dalton, GA on June 22-24. Let's all get together and see how much FUN that we can have! Ride Safe!

Barry & Barbara

## Attention all districts! Talent Wanted for Friday Night Talent Show at Wing Fling!

**Are You Noah or His Neighbor?** What is this? It is an introduction to disaster preparation. What if there is a tornado? The electric grid goes down? Terrorist attack? Or, you can buy no gas and have to walk home? Are you prepared? I have heard this seminar and learned a lot of things for which we would never think about normally. Please join us for the seminar at the Georgia Wing Fling Rally on Friday. A follow up on **Gear and Storage** follows on Saturday. See you there!



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



Norman and Wendy  
Morton



## Congratulations Chapter A!

Congratulations to Chapter A, and their awesome leaders Juanita & Gary Rackley, for winning the Georgia District Chapter of the Year and going on to win the GWRRA Region A Chapter of the Year.

This is quite an accomplishment and one that everyone in the Georgia District should be very proud of.

Next year Chapter A will not be eligible to repeat so we are encouraging all Georgia chapters to participate in the district Chapter of the Year competition to give our district another chapter to compete for region honors.

No chapter is too small to enter. Start now and your chapter could be District Chapter of the Year for 2017.



Frank & Melinda Brothers  
District Rider Educators, First  
Aid/CPR Coordinators



It is just 8 weeks till the Georgia Rally. I hope you are planning on being there.

We have a First Aid CPR Class on Friday starting at 8:30 am. If you need a **First Aid Renewal** class, now is the time to get signed up. If you will please contact me, I will get you the paper work so you will be guaranteed a spot in the class.

We will also have a Co-Rider Class for those who need to update their levels. If anyone has a class that they would like to see us have at the rally please let me know, and I will see if we can make it happen.

Also we need your support at the Rider Ed table. We will have a Riding poker run on Friday and Saturday from 9 am to 2 pm come by and get your tickets and the map the ride is about 1 1/2 hours long.

Ride it at your own time then return and draw your cards we will be giving away a prize for the best and the worse hand.

Hope to see you at the rally.

Frank and Melinda



**Bob and Karla Greer****District Motorist Awareness Coordinators**

### **Chapter Rider Ambassador**

I would like to start this month's Motorist Awareness Article with a GREAT BIG congratulations to Gail Cross from GA B2 & Chris Morton from GA M for stepping up since last month and volunteering as their Chapter Rider Ambassadors.

Some of you may have heard about the GWRRA N.23 Motorist Awareness Quarterly Report Form. Some may have sent your reports to Frank Brothers, GA District Rider Educator and former GA District Motorist Awareness Coordinator. Frank has handed off all the Motorist Awareness duties and responsibilities to me.

So what about this N.23 Motorist Awareness Quarterly Report Form? As I wrote last month, there is a New and Improved Motorist Awareness Program. One that is going to work closely with the Rider Education Program but it will be its own separate GWRRA Program. As such the Motorist Awareness Program (MAP) Directors, Mike & Barri Critzman, will be passing down information for the New and Improved MAP. All that said to let you know that at this point, I don't know if we will be using the old N.23 Report or if they will come up with a new MA Report. I don't know if it will be a monthly or quarterly report at this time either.

What I am quite sure of is that Chapter Rider Ambassadors will be required to complete some sort of monthly or quarterly report and send them in to me.

My goal is to get as many Chapter Rider Ambassadors in Georgia Chapters as possible. I feel the best way to do that is to let you know what the duties and responsibilities are before you volunteer rather than volunteer, put on a new patch and then find out later that it is something you don't want to do.

What I will tell you is, just like all other GWRRA positions, that if the Chapter Director does not appoint a Chapter Rider Ambassador, the duties and responsibilities will fall to the Chapter Director to get done.

**Watch for motorcycles!**

I will tell you what I know now to be the duties and responsibilities of a Chapter Rider Ambassador:

- ⇒ Be an Ambassador for your Chapter for all Motorist Awareness matters
- Inform non-cyclists how they can make the roads safer for cyclists
- ⇒ Pass out informational brochures
- These MA Brochures are available from GWRRA
- Just give them a call at (800) 843-9460
- Tell them you are the Chapter Rider Ambassador
- Ask them to send you Motorist Awareness Brochures
- Teach GWRRA Motorist Awareness Seminars
- ⇒ Interact and share on the new GA District Motorist Awareness Facebook page, if possible
- \* Stay tuned for more information on this one
- \* If you do not do Facebook you can still be a Chapter Rider Ambassador
- ⇒ Complete and submit a Motorist Awareness Report
- Monthly/Quarterly
- N.23/Other
- Stay tuned as more information is passed to us.

How do you become a Chapter Rider Ambassador? All that is needed to become a Chapter Rider Ambassador is an e-mail or telephone call from the Chapter Director or the actual Chapter Motor Ambassador, letting me know that he/she has volunteered for those duties. It's as simple as that. Nothing formal and no appointment paperwork is required, at least at this time. GWRRA programs are always evolving and we will just have to roll with the changes as they occur.

Here are the GA Chapters that have already appointed Chapter Rider Ambassadors. Let's see how this list grows over the next few months:

Chapter A, Chapter B2, and Chapter M. Coming next month – Let's see? Should I tell you more about the new GA District MA Facebook page? MA reporting? Or, maybe both? Stay tuned.

Bob and Karla

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## **Couple of the Year for 2017—Chapter E2**

### **Jimmy and Diane Center**

Jimmy Center was raised in Fort Pierce, Florida. He graduated from Westwood High School and then went into the US Army where he served 12 years. After the Army, Jimmy returned to Fort Pierce where he went to work in the aviation field. He has continued in the aviation field for over 20 years. Jimmy moved to Georgia five years ago when he took a job with Gulfstream Aerospace in Savannah.

Jimmy enjoys racing. He spent many years racing cars on a dirt track and racing dirt bikes through the woods. He still rides dirt bikes and plans to race again soon. Jimmy has been riding motorcycles for many years. He now has a 2015 Goldwing 1800. While in Florida, Jimmy was the Vice President and Event Chairman of ABATE of Vero Beach. He has been riding with GWRRA Chapter E2 for a little over four years. When not riding, he enjoys working on motorcycles.

Diane Center was raised in New York. She graduated from

Sayville High School. She moved to Chicago and then to Fort Pierce, Florida. In Florida she began her career with the St. Lucie County School Board where she worked for 22 years before moving to Georgia where she married Jimmy a little over three years ago. She now works for Effingham College and Career Academy.

Dianne has her own motorcycle license and has ridden her own bike since 2007. After a minor accident a couple of years ago, she gave up riding her own and now enjoys being a co-rider with Jimmy. She has been riding with GWRRA E2 for over three years as a rider and co-rider.

When she is not riding, Diane spends time cross stitching and baking. She also loves to spend time with her and Jimmy's nine grandchildren—eight in Florida and one in North Carolina.



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

### **John and Bonnie Rogers**

John and Bonnie have been members of GWRRA since April 2015. The couple lives in Woodbine, 14 miles from the Florida line. They enjoy riding the back roads of north Florida and south Georgia.

The couple have a son John III and a daughter Misty. They are blessed with six grandchildren and one great grandchild.

John has been riding since 2008 when he started with a scooter, then graduated to a 2000 Harley Road King, then added a 2004 Harley Ultra Classic. They bought a Honda 1800 Goldwing Trike in April of 2015. Bonnie started riding with John when he bought the Road King. They enjoy riding together on their silver 1800 trike. It has a Champion conversion package, which gives it a small sports car look from the back. They take their Clemson stuffed bear wherever they go.

John and Bonnie are active participants in Chapter K as co-ride coordinators.

## WEAR YOUR KENTUCKY DERBY HAT! WE HAVE A PRIZE FOR THE BEST HAT!

**The story of Kentucky Derby hats** — the wide-brimmed, straw fashion statements that ride into Churchill Downs each year atop the heads of well-heeled spectators — is a story of American enterprise.

Col. Meriwether Lewis Clark Jr., the founder of the Kentucky Derby, probably did not envision his success in terms of feathered hats and fascinators. But transforming the racetrack from a place of ill-repute to place of high-society—and therefore high fashion—is precisely what he had in mind.

“Gambling and drinking went hand in hand, so [the pre-Kentucky Derby racetrack] was not a place for women and certainly not a place for children,” said Wendy Treinen, a spokeswoman from the Kentucky Derby Museum.

Inspired by trips to London’s Epsom Derby and Paris’ Grand Prix — posh events that attracted an elegant crowd — Clark sought in the 1870s to transform American racetracks from places associated with immorality and vice to venues that might attract a wealthier, more noble set. With the help of his wife, he went on a campaign throughout Louisville, Ky. to convince his target clientele that the new race track was in fact a place for the upper-class.

He loaded up a wagon full of high society women and they were going door-to-door telling their

“friends, ‘We’re going to have a picnic at the race-track,’” Treinen said. “He really tried to break down this [stigma].”

At the time, the media speculated that if the track could be transformed into a place of fashion, all the investment that went into the world-class venue would pay off. And it did.

More than 10,000 spectators attended the first Kentucky Derby on a sunny spring Monday in 1875. The New York Times reported that, “the grand stand was thronged by a brilliant assemblage of ladies and gentlemen” and the center field was crammed with carriages. While it would be two more years before the first international celebrity would attend the race (Polish actress Helena Modjeska), it was viewed as a major success and paved the way for even grander affairs that quickly became as much about the fashion as they were about the racing.

“Women coordinated their hats, dresses, bags, their shoes and their parasols,” said Ellen Goldstein, a professor at the Fashion Institute of Technology. “To go to a horse racing event was really a regal affair. It was just as important as going to a cocktail party, or a ball.

“You had the middle class and lower class people who could not afford to go to a couture milliner buying off the rack. But the upper echelon, the high society would definitely be ordering in advance from Paris and from Rome and from Milan, and really looking for something that was the best of the best.”

Like today, the media took great interest in who attended the race and what they were wearing. National newspapers published dizzying lists of the notable spectators and their guests, devoting as much ink to the fashion and pageantry as they did to the race itself.

Source: [A Brief History of the Kentucky Derby's Most Famous Accessory | NBC Chicago](http://www.nbcchicago.com/news/sports/NATL-History-Kentucky-Derby-Hats-202358231.html#ixzz4dy6fN056) <http://www.nbcchicago.com/news/sports/NATL-History-Kentucky-Derby-Hats-202358231.html#ixzz4dy6fN056>

**Our Sick and Hurting**

Lawana Burrell—Chapter A

Jim Allen—Chapter A

Dave & Judy Hurd—Chapter J

Dennis M—Chapter B

Larry Watkins— Chapter I2

Debbie Vaugh—Chapter I2

Jane Muriz—Chapter I2

Don Taylor—Chapter D





**OTHER COMING EVENTS**

Chapter Q' Dessert Auction & BBQ,  
May 13th

Chapter R Picnic September 23rd

Chapter A Fall Harvest September 30th

Region A Rally October 26-28 and

Region Officer's Conference October 29

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Region N Fall Finale,  
Johnson City, TN

Nov. 2-4, 2017

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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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**RALLY**

# May 2017

**Rally Season! Ride Safe! Have Fun!**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	1	2 <b>Chapter S</b> , Eat 6:00 pm—meet 7:00 pm, Golden Corral, Winder, GA	3		5 <b>SC RALLY</b>	6 <b>Chapter R</b> , Eat 8:30 am—Meet 10:00 am, IHOP, Canton, GA; <b>Chapter F2</b> , eat 12:00 pm—meet 1:00 pm,, New Ming Wah, Augusta, GA
7	8 <b>Chapter Q</b> , Eat 6:00 pm—meet 7:00 pm, Hibachi Buffet, Warner Robins, GA	9	10	11 <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; <b>Chapter T</b> meet 6:00 pm—eat 7:00 pm, Hibachi Grill, Athens,, GA	12	13 <b>Chapter B</b> , Eat 8:30 am—Meet 9:30 am, Come & Get It, Marietta, GA.;  <b>Chapter D</b> , Eat 10:00 am , Meet 11- am, Golden Corral, Cummings, GA ;  <b>CHAPTER Q DESSERT AUCTION &amp; BBQ</b>
14	15 <b>Chapter O</b> , Eat 6:30 pm—meet 7:30 pm, Golden Corral, Tifton, GA	16	17	18 <b>Chapter D2</b> , Eat 6:30 pm—Meet 7:30 pm, Western Sizzlin', Dalton, GA  <b>ALABAMA RALLY</b>	19	20 <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, Hiawassee'; <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.
21	22	23	24	25 <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.	26	27 <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
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