



Goldwing Road Riders Association GEORGIA DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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District Directors



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Changes to the GWRRA Organization!

We hope all of you will welcome the new GWRRA structure. The Region Team has been disbanded by the home office as of January 1, 2018, but we know we will see them around at our rallies and events. Most of them have jobs in their respective districts and chapters as well, so they will still be very busy, and they will always be our GWRRA friends.

Some of the duties fall to the District and District reporting will be done straight to Anita Alkire, the President, and her Presidential Assistants (former Deputy Directors). The District will appoint a District Ride Coordinator to basically organize rides on a District Level for those who do not attend chapters as well as those who do. An example would be a ride-in to Wing Ding. This is to encourage riding on a larger than chapter basis. There will be no regional boundaries, but Districts still exist.

On the Chapter level, the Ride Educator is no longer a position. Instead, each chapter will appoint a Ride Coordinator if they do not already have one. This does not mean that the Ride Educator cannot become the Ride Coordinator if you do not have one, or if the present Ride Coordinator doesn't want the duties of the new officer position. For example, Chapter A, our Chapter, has both a Ride Coordinator and a Ride Educator. The Ride Educator wanted to step down anyway, but wants to be the Ride Coordinator. The present Ride Coordinator agreed and is stepping back to let him do that. We are sure it won't be that simple for some of you, but we are here to answer your questions and help and, we hope each chapter can work this out graciously.

The new Ride Coordinator will be an officer and coordinate chapter rides and give "Safety Talks" at the beginning of the rides. This way we still have the "Safety Talks", just not at the meetings. Meetings should become less formal and more geared toward riding and fun. Anita, GWRRA's President, said "to throw away the Agenda and talk, and play, and ride and have fun". Just remember to stress safety before each ride and have fun! The District Ride Educator, Frank Brothers, will be responsible for sending an article to each chapter monthly on Rider Education. Rider Education classes will continue and we are expected to have at least one each quarter.

We know this is quick and general. We are willing to answer your questions, especially as it will affect our teams and some of our activities. Please stand by for further information. Ride Safe!



Barry & Barbara Owens

Assistant District Directors, South



"EXTREME HEAT"

With the temperatures getting up into the high 90's here in South Georgia, it is kind of rough to be out there riding your motorcycle without any air (cold air) blowing on you to help keep you cooled off.

Whenever we can, we still manage to plan and ride our bikes a lot. We just ride on short rides, early breakfast rides, or late afternoon rides. It is not good to be out in this high heat all day as we tend to get dehydrated before we know it. Once you become dehydrated and start feeling bad, it seems to take a few days to recover from this.

Sometimes we want to ride so bad that we do not want to take the time to stop and get something to drink, so we just keep riding. Getting something to drink will do you a lot more good than to keep riding and getting this hot air in your face.

We must always look out for our fellow riders because some people can handle the heat better than others. Keep an eye out for any signs that a rider (or co rider) may be getting tired, too hot, or maybe just needs to get off the bike and move around a bit. Let's look out for each other.

Some Chapters may not want to plan anything to do during these hot weather months, but some members may not want their bike to sit in the garage for any length of time. So, why not plan a short ride or maybe schedule a Rider Education Seminar inside where there is an air conditioner blowing on you. With this heat, we have got to work around it.

I know that it may be a little early to mention this, but be making your plans to attend next year's Georgia District Rally up in the Northeast Georgia Mountains. Next year's Rally will be at the Georgia Baptist Convention Center in Toccoa, Georgia on August 2-4, 2018 We want you there!!

Barry & Barbara Owens

SALUTE TO OUR MILITARY!



Georgia Wing Fling 2018

August 2 –4, 2018

GA Baptist Conference Center

Lake Louise, Toccoa, GA

**www.mytoccoa/wingfling to
register online — hurry, only
200 rooms onsite!**

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Norman and Wendy Morton

District Membership Enhancement Coordinators

VISITORS

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE PLAQUE ATTACK???

We have been members of GWRRA since 2006, and one of the events that we thought was the best was the monthly PLAQUE ATTACKS. I was approached by a GWRRA member in a parking lot and was told about their gathering on the following morning. We went to the gathering and saw all those Goldwings in the parking lot and we were amazed. We were treated like we were VIP's and that really hooked us on becoming members. We found out later that our first exposure to a GWRRA gathering was a plaque attack. Was this the reason we were so impressed?? I really can't say, but I know it had to be part of the reason.

Large groups from different chapters riding together to meet, greet and eat with friends with the possibility of winning the plaque and bragging rights for the next month was very appealing. When we were chapter directors,

plaque attacks were always a great reason for a ride and chapter visit even if we were not eligible to win the plaque. Supporting your fellow chapters in this event is very important.

Regarding plaque attacks, what has happened to participation? Should this activity be replaced with something else? Should the rules be modified?

Please express your views on this subject to your chapter director, membership enhancement coordinator or a member of the district team.

Looking for a solution!

Norman & Wendy Morton



Frank & Melinda Brothers District Rider Educators, MEDIC Coordinators

Preventing Heat Exhaustion



Follow these tips to minimize your risk of developing heat exhaustion.

- If you are going to exercise in hot weather, it's important to acclimatize to the heat for about a week before beginning any intense exercise. This allows your body to gradually adapt to the heat.
- Hydrate well before and during exercise and replace lost electrolytes such as sodium potassium and magnesium with food or a sports drink (drink 16 to 20 oz /hour)
- Avoid exercising during the hottest time of day: train closer to sunrise or sunset.
- Wear light, loose clothing so sweat can evaporate. Better yet, invest in some clothes made with CoolMax, Drymax, Smartwool or polypropylene. These fibers have tiny channels that wick the moisture from your skin to the outer layer of the clothing where it can evaporate more easily.

- Use sunscreen to prevent sunburn, which can limit the skin's ability to cool itself.
- Wear a hat with a brim.
- If you feel your abilities start to diminish, stop activity and seek out a cool shaded place. Remember, it is easier to prevent heat illness than to treat it once symptoms develop.
- Do not drink alcohol or beverages with caffeine before exercise because they increase the rate of dehydration.

Heat Exhaustion vs. Heat Stroke

If heat exhaustion is left untreated, it may lead to heat stroke. The key difference between heat stroke and heat exhaustion is the presence of confusion and other mental status changes during heat stroke. During heat stroke, the neurological system is affected and can cause odd behavior, delusions, hallucinations, and eventually seizures or a coma.

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Georgia Chapter O Couple of the Year Claire and Steven Shorter



Steve grew up in the Shenandoah Valley, Staunton, Virginia. Claire was born in New Hampshire. Then at the age of 9 the family moved to Tampa, Florida. 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. We 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 we have been married almost 35 years and had 2 children, Sarah and Tyler, and we have 4 grandchildren.

Claire's first ride on a motorcycle was in 1980, Steve had been riding bikes since he was 15. Once I got on the bike I was sold. We have been riding ever since. We got our Goldwing 1800 in 2008 and have been in every state except Nebraska and North Dakota. Our favorite trips are everyone of them. We have been to Yellowstone, Yosemite, Arches, Sequoia and Glacier National Park, Redwood Forest, Death Valley, Grand Canyon, Bryce Canyon, Pikes Peak, Bear Tooth Pass in Montana, and Cabot's Trail in Nova Scotia.

We have lots of stories, and the one most people like for us to tell is the " While riding on the Alcan Highway, we saw a very large grizzly bear minding his own business digging a hole; I wanted to get a picture, got one of him digging a hole, but I wanted to get a picture of his face, so Steve gunned his engine. However, a Goldwing doesn't make a loud noise, so we blew the horn; no response, so I yelled loud. Steve said I could wake up the dead with my yell, and 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, 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 the GWRRA Tifton, Moultrie chapter. Steve has recruited 10 members since we have joined and looking for more. Thanks for our friends we love them all.

PICNIC! PICNIC! PICNIC! PICNIC!

**GA Chapter R Annual Picnic at Dallas Landing,
Acworth, GA on beautiful Lake Allatoona**

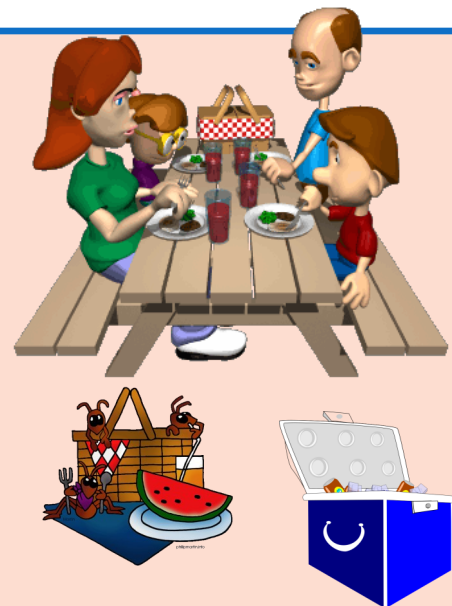
11:00 am — RSVP Karen Powell CD 404-281-5636

or ktpowell@bellsouth.net; Ginger Grady ACD

404384-3552 or Grady119@yahoo.com

**They have the GA Traveler Plaque so it's a Plaque
Attack! (Yes, we let the plaque go till September)**

**Everyone come for a good time! Good food! Good
friends! Please support Chapter R with the fun!**



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Bob & Karla Greer, District Motorist Awareness Coordinators



Things Are Starting To Come Together Now

Right after the GA District Rally Janel Piper, 1/2 of our GA District Couple of the Year and GA ChS CD, asked me some very pointed and direct questions specific to the Motorist Awareness (MA) Gold Award.

Janel's questions made me take a closer look at what is needed to earn a MA Gold Award. Janel said that GA ChS did not have any GWRRA Certified Instructors so how could ChS have anyone qualify for the MA Gold Award. I told her that it would be easy for lots of ChS participants to earn the 2017 MA Gold Award along with other Georgia GWRRA folks.

Our new MAP Directors very cleverly used the word "Presentation" rather than the word "Seminar". I feel that words are important and they did this for a reason. That reason is so we do not have to give a formal and approved GWRRA Seminar to meet these 2017 MA Gold Award qualifiers. Put some information together about motorcycles and/or motorcycle safety. Then go "Present" it to one of the following and you have met one of the five qualifiers needed to earn a 2017 MA Gold Award.

- Public or private schools or universities.
- Members of community organizations, both civic and religious. (one event per organization counted per calendar year)
- Driving Schools.
- AAA or AARP driver classes.
- Company Safety Days.(one event per company per year)
- Community Safety Days.(one event per community per year)
- National Night Out.
- Community festival or fair.
- Motorcycle Awareness Month activities.
- Local Malls.
- Highway rest stops.
- Community or Company Bike Nights. (one event per community or company per year)
- Boys and Girls clubs, and Boy and Girl Scouts.
- Bike or Car shows.

Another way that your Chapter Participants can qualify for the 2017 MA Gold Award is to work

out all the details for giving one of the Officially Recognized Motorist Awareness Seminars with one of the above, and then ask one of the Georgia Certified Instructors to come give the presentation. This is a WIN WIN. All Chapter members get one of the five necessary qualifiers toward the 2017 MA Gold Award and the instructor also gets one credit for coming out to give it. Currently Georgia's qualified MA Seminar Presenters are:

Dave Aikens, GA ChQ
Dee Allen, GA ChA
Frank Brothers, GA ChI2
Cail Murry, GA ChL
Larry Clemmer, GA ChA
Pam Clemmer, GA ChA
Roy Degler, GA ChA
Bob Greer, GA ChA
Bill Livingston, GA ChH
Tommy Martin, GA ChT
Chris Morton, GA ChM
Chuck Reed, GA ChF2
Marvin Seritt, GA ChL

Another qualifier for the 2017 MA Gold Award is to do a "MAP Exhibit" at certain qualifying events. Don't make this difficult. Take some MA Brochures to other Chapter activities and you have a "MAP Exhibit". It is as simple as that. All Chapter participants who are a part of that "MAP Exhibit" get as one of the five qualifiers needed for the 2017 MA Gold Award.

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- ♦ Community Safety Days.(one event per community per year)
- ♦ National Night Out.
- ♦ Community festival or fair.
- ♦ Motorcycle Awareness Month activities.
- ♦ Local Malls.
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Even though the MA Gold Award qualifiers were just recently communicated to the field, it is

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not too late to get lots of people qualified for the 2017 MA Gold Award. All that is needed is five qualifying MA events. MA Gold Awards can be earned by ALL GWRRA MEMBERS. It doesn't have to be a MA Coordinator.

Get started today. Plan a couple of MA events or add an "MAP Exhibit" to an already planned chapter activity.

Get some MA materials ordered from the GWRRA Home Office. (800) 843-9460 or (623) 581-2500 Just call the Home Office in Phoenix, tell them you are the Chapter Motorist Awareness Coordinator and ask them to send you a box full of Motorist Awareness brochures. You should receive those brochures within a week or so.

Please keep in mind that MA Activity is defined as "Any time a GWRRA member talks to someone else, outside GWRRA, about motorcycles." All MA Activity should be reported to me monthly. Reports are due to me on the 20th of each month and cover all MA activity from the 20th of the previous month. No report format. Just a simple narrative telling me what MA Activity your Chapter had for the previous month.

MA Activity For Report

June 20th - July 19th
July 20th - August 19th

MA Monthly E-Mail Narrative

July 20th
August 20th

In addition to the regular monthly e-mail narrative report, if your Chapter had any Chapter Participants that completed one of the 14 MA Gold Award Qualifiers, let me know that also. I will need to know a little more about these events to ensure the person/people get credit toward the 2017 Annual MA Gold Award. Give me the Who, What, When & Where of those MA events that qualify as one of the fourteen listed in the 2017 MA Gold Award guidelines. If you need a copy of these complete guidelines, just give me a shout.

Earning the MA Gold Award will be easy. Don't make it hard. Plan and complete the MA event, then send me the Who, What, When & Where for that event. Be sure to include ALL Chapter participants that helped at that event. They all get credit for one of the five qualifiers needed for the 2017 MA Gold Award.

Thanks Janel for making me think through all this and making it possible for lots of Georgian's to earn the 2017 MA Gold Award this year.

Remember, not only is a GWRRA member earning and receiving the MA Gold Award but with each event the streets become a safer place for all of us to ride.

Bob & Karla Greer



Remember Our Friends in Need of Our Prayers



Don Taylor -S

Lawana Burrell-A

Dick Hopkins-A

Frank Line-A

Juanita Rackley-A

Walt Neal-Gersch, AL

Ken Hemmingway-M

Charles Holliman-Q

Keith & Sharon Burkinstock - former Chapter P





JOIN US TO WISH THE REGION "A" TEAM
FAREWELL & SAY THANKS FOR A JOB WELL
DONE!

FINAL Region A Rally

October 26-28, 2017

Lake Pointe Lodge, Eufaula, AL

COMING GEORGIA EVENTS

Chapter R Picnic— September 23rd

Chapter A Fall Harvest - September
30th

GA Wind Down—November 2018 tba



See page 2 for Georgia Wing Fling 2018! Visit
www.mytoccoa/wingfling to register. Visit district
website at www.gwr-ra-ga.com for more information!



Region N Fall Finale,
Johnson City, TN
Nov. 2-4, 2017



Wings Over the Smokies!
September 21-23, 2017
Waynesville, NC



Mississippi Rally
Gulfport, AL

October 12—14, 2017



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August 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<u>1</u>	2	3	3	5 Chapter R , Eat 8:30 am—Meet 10:00 am, IHOP, Canton, GA; Chapter F2 , eat 12:00 pm—meet 1:00 pm,, New Ming Wah, Augusta, GA
6	7	8 Chapter S , Eat 6:00 pm—meet 7:00 pm, Golden Corral, Winder, GA	9	10 Chapter M , Eat 6:00 pm, meet 7:00 pm, Harvey's Buffet, Moultrie, GA; Chapter K , Eat 6:30 pm—meet 7:30 pm, Denny's, Brunswick; Chapter T meet 6:00 pm—eat 7:00 pm, Loco's Pub and Grill, Athens, GA	11	12 Chapter B , Eat 8:30 am—Meet 9:30 am, Come & Get It, Marietta, GA.;
13	14 Chapter Q , Eat 6:00 pm—meet 7:00 pm, Hibachi Buffet, Warner Robins, GA	<u>15</u>	16	17 Chapter D2 , Eat 6:30 pm—Meet 7:30 pm, Western Sizzlin', Dalton, GA	18 Kentucky Rally— 18th and 19th	19 Chapter I2 , Eat 11:00 am—meet 12:00 pm, Shoney's, Lavonia.; Chapter J , Eat 11:00 am—meet 12:00 pm, Daniel's, Hiawassee'; Chapter C-2 , Eat 5:00 pm—meet 6:00 pm, Perkins, S. Savannah; Chapter A , Eat 5:00 pm—Meet 6:00 pm, So Cooking, McDonough, GA. Kentucky Rally, Cave City Convention Center, Cave City, KY
20	21 Chapter O , Meet 6:30 pm—meet 7:30 pm, Golden Corral, Tifton, GA	22	23	24 Chapter H , Eat 6:00 pm—Meet 7:00 pm, BJ's2, Buffet, Albany, GA; Chapter L , East 6:00 pm—Meet 7:00 pm, Landmark, Rome, GA.	25	26 Chapter B-2 , Eat 8:00 am—meet 9:00 am, Beaver Creek.Biscuit Co., Lithia Springs; Chapter E2 , Eat 3:00 pm—meet 4:00 pm, Western Sizzlin', Pooler, GA B2 PLAQUE ATTACK!
27	28	29 WING DING	30 WING DING	31 WING DING	1 WING DING	2 WING DING

