



Goldwing Road Riders Association GEORGIA DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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Larry & Pamela Clemmer,

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September 2017



Hello From the Kentucky Rally!

Hello from your Georgia Directors! We have been out of town visiting in our neighboring region N. We attended the two day rally in Cave City, Kentucky, which happens to have the same theme as our upcoming 2018 Georgia Wing Fling, A Salute to Our Military. We enjoyed the Rally and picked up some good ideas for the theme as well as some other ideas and helpful hints for the upcoming Georgia Rally next August. Yeah, I know we are a year away, but it never hurts to plan.

Kentucky only has eight chapters so the Rally is small but full of enthusiasm. We met some new GWRRA people and got to talk to Directors and friends from North Carolina, Tennessee, Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin, and others as well as getting to know the Kentucky Team. Our list of friends has grown! We gave out a 100 brochures for Georgia, so we hope they come to our Rally as well.

While in Cave City, we went to the Mammoth Cave National Park which is very near the Rally site. A self-guided tour with a senior pass is only \$5. You won't get lost, but be prepared to walk downhill and then of course back up. We learned about the 300 springs under Kentucky leading to the Green River and an enormous cave system under our feet. The museum is well worth the trip also. And, don't forget, there is an ice cream shop at the visitors center for all you GWRRA visitors.

The Rally gave us information on the motorcycle riding routes in the area and we did the Flint Ridge Road. It was a ride over the ridge with lots of twisties! Fun! and it came out right at our hotel.

I encourage all of you to visit other rallies out of the area when you can and enjoy each rally and the areas around them. Some are small and some are very large, but what matters is that we are sharing ideas, making friends, supporting each other, and HAVING FUN!

Larry and Pamela



Mammoth Cave



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



Deer, Oh Dear!

There are a lot of “booby traps” that the unwary motorcyclist can ride into, including innocuous-looking alleyways, raised pavement edges, railroad tracks, loose sand, sunken manhole covers, tar snakes, and white plastic arrows glued to the pavement. Most of those hazards occur in the city. Out in the country on those twisty back roads where we love to ride, we can expect some different types of booby traps. One major trap that can spring on us is a wild animal, especially wild deer. Deer are so delicate and demure that it's hard to think of them as a hazard. But when we come upon the sickening sight of a dead deer along the highway, we are again reminded of the danger, both to the animal, and to ourselves. Animal strikes are a significant hazard for those of us who enjoy long-distance travel. Statistically speaking, vehicle collisions are the major motorcycling hazard, but as motorcycling experience builds and we get a little smarter, our risks of a car/bike collision should decrease. But the risk of animal strikes remains high because animals are so difficult to predict. Wild deer are found all over North America, in large numbers, their population is increasing, and they have habits and instincts that put them on collision courses with motor vehicles. The typical deer strike occurs with the animal suddenly leaps in front of the vehicle, often at night. The vehicle slams into the deer, with sickening consequences. What's startling is the amount of damage even a small deer can do to a speeding vehicle. If the motorist happens to be a motorcyclist, the odds are high that both deer and biker will be seriously injured. What's so insidious about motorcycle/deer collisions is the unpredictability. You may have ridden for hundreds of thousands of miles, proficiently avoiding thousands of left-turners, alley jumpers, edge traps, graveled corners, and decreasing-radius turns. Then, on some easy country ride, a deer suddenly leaps out of the woods into your path, and Thud! We don't have reliable statistics on motorcycle/animal collisions because many accidents don't get reported. The famous “Hurt Report” gathered statistics from only motorcycle accidents in the Los Angeles area, where there are few wild deer. But animal strikes are a frequent enough problem elsewhere that we should practice appropriate countermeasures on those rides that take us into deer country. To understand what to look for and what to do about deer, let's consider their instincts and habits. Deer are cautious, and prefer to hide in the trees. They like munching on tender foliage. So, in the summer, expect wild deer in forested areas or riverbeds where the trees and underbrush provide lots of cover and fresh salad. That lush roadside grass the highway department keeps mowed is a dinnertime favorite. That means you should expect deer feeding along the shoulder of the road in shady areas. In the daytime, a deer feeding on the road shoulder will have it's head down, so it may look like a log in the ditch, or a mossy boulder, or a crumpled cardboard box. When the head comes up, you'll immediately see those large ears, and perhaps a rack of antlers, so use caution!

Ride safe! Frank and Melinda

CHAPTER A FALL HARVEST! SEPTEMBER 30, 10 am to 2 pm

**Community Bible Church, 2001 Jodeco Road,
Stockbridge, GA**



September



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Chapter M Couple of the Year Kenneth and Elaine Hemingway

We bought our first Gold Wing in 2013. It was a gray 1988 with a sidecar. We were in love! We found out about GWRRA and joined in October 2013. Since that time we have added a black 1500SE, 25th anniversary model. Her name is Blackie and she has 2 wheels. Then we got rid of the 1988 and replaced her with a 2008 Gold Wing with a Hannigan sidecar. Her name is Ruby. As my husband's back has deteriorated, we bought a 2010 Gold Wing Trike. Her name is Sunshine.

We started off taking our first Gold Wing up to Fontana Village and riding the Cherahala Parkway and all up in that area including the Dragon's Tail. Yes, on a Gold Wing with a sidecar!! Then we did a trip to Key West with Ruby. Last summer we took our Toy Hauler and Ruby and started out West. We rode the Pig Trail in Arkansas, then on to Sioux Falls, South Dakota to a NASSIR Rally. We then headed to Rapid City and made this our base camp. We saw Crazy Horse, Devil's Tower, the Black Hills, the Badlands, Mt. Rushmore, Deadwood and Sturgis and so much more. It was an awesome trip and only made us hunger for more.

My husband is the Chapter Director for Chapter M and I am the Membership Enhancement Coordinator. I am retired from the Postal Service and he is still working. He is an Environmental Engineer for Georgia Pacific. He was diagnosed with Multiple Myeloma in February of 2016 but told the Oncologist she gave him a license to live. I had knee replacement in December of 2016 and am so thankful I have my life back without pain.

We are members of Hopewell Baptist Church in Moultrie, Ga. My husband is a Deacon, and I teach the Senior Adults in Sunday School. We would be nowhere without our Faith in our Lord. He is still in charge no matter what happens.

Our Gold Wing family means the world to us! We don't just ride bikes and attend meetings together. We are family!

PICNIC! PICNIC! PICNIC! PICNIC! SEPTEMBER 23

**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! 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



Wind Ding 39 Grapevine, TX

Karla and I will be at Wing Ding 39 in Grapevine, TX by the time you are reading this.

We are hoping to find out as much information as we can about the New & Improved Motorist Awareness Program, right from the National Program Director so we can share this with you when we get back.

I was delighted to give a MAP presentation to GA ChB-2 in August. There were over 20 people there from four (4) different GA Chapters. The best news about that evening was the discovery that all of the participants present already had completed many of the qualifying events for the 2017 MAP Gold Award. The Chapter was so excited and they hope to have 20-25 Chapter participants get the 2017 MAP Gold Award. They have already started planning the rest of their MAP year toward this goal.

I have sent several e-mails to the GA Motorist Awareness Program (MAP) Coordinators keeping the Chapter Directors and them informed on how every GWRRR Member, not just the MAP Coordinators, can earn the prestigious 2017 MAP Gold Award. Only 5 of the qualifying events earn you this award. You don't need to be a GWRRR Certified Instructor to give one of these "presentations". The "presentation" does not have to be one of the two current MAP Seminars. Home Office (HO) has recently released three (3) Mini Make A Point Presentations that qualify or you can make your own presentation. And lastly, the "display" can be just about anything.

So, take a look at the qualifying events again and get your Chapter started on earning the 2017 MAP Gold Award. If multiple Chapter participants help out with one of these events, they all get credit for that event. Each person only needs five (5).

1. PRESENTATIONS TO STUDENTS OF PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SCHOOLS OR UNIVERSITIES.
2. PRESENTATIONS TO MEMBERS OF COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS, BOTH CIVIC AND RELIGIOUS. (ONE EVENT PER ORGANIZATION COUNTED PER CALENDAR YEAR)
3. PRESENTATION TO DRIVING SCHOOLS.
4. PRESENTATION TO AAA OR AARP DRIVER CLASSES.
5. PRESENTATION OR MAP EXHIBIT AT COMPANY SAFETY

DAYS.(ONE EVENT PER COMPANY PER YEAR)

6. PRESENTATION OR MAP EXHIBIT AT COMMUNITY SAFETY DAYS.(ONE EVENT PER COMMUNITY PER YEAR)
7. PRESENTATION OR MAP EXHIBIT AT THE NATIONAL NIGHT OUT.
8. PRESENTATION OR MAP EXHIBIT AT A COMMUNITY FESTIVAL OR FAIR.
9. MONTH ACTIVITIES.
10. PRESENTATION OR MAP EXHIBIT AT LOCAL MALLS. MAP EXHIBIT AT HIGHWAY REST STOPS.
11. PRESENTATION OR MAP EXHIBIT AT COMMUNITY OR COMPANY BIKE NIGHTS. (ONE EVENT PER COMMUNITY OR COMPANY PER YEAR)
12. PRESENTATION TO BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS, AND BOY AND GIRL SCOUTS.
13. PRESENTATION OR MAP EXHIBIT AT BIKE OR CAR SHOWS.

A couple more GA Chapters have appointed a Chapter MAP Coordinator. Here is a list of the Chapter MAP Coordinators that I currently have.

GA ChA – Larry Appleby
GA ChB – Ken Sherman
GA Ch B-2 – Walt Thayer
GA Ch I-2 – Genie Denton
GA Ch J – Dave Hurd
GA Ch L – Pat Gainey
GA Ch M – Chris Morton
GA Ch O – Mike Van De Velde

The new 4" MAP patch is now available at the GWRRR Home Office Goodies Store for \$4.00 ea. Plus a little shipping and handling. Larry Clemmer is currently looking into getting some of these patches to keep on hand in the GA District Pins & Patches Store. I will let you know when I hear anything else from Larry about availability, cost, S&H, etc.

Monthly MAP e-mail reports should be sent to me each month, even if your Chapter does not have any MAP Activity. Please remember that MAP Activity is different than qualifying for one of the 14 MAP Gold Award events. MAP Activity is **Anytime** a GWRRR member talks to someone else, outside GWRRR, about motorcycles and all MAP Activity should be reported each month.

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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.

<u>MA Activity For</u> <u>Narrative Report</u>	<u>MA Monthly E-Mail</u>
June 20 th - July 19 th	July 20 th
July 20 th - August 19 th	August 20 th

Thanks for helping spread the Motorist Awareness Program news to make the roads safer for us to ride our motorcycles.

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Salute to Our Military

August 2-4, 2018— Register Now at

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Dec. 31st.**



CONGRATULATIONS

ITCP GRADUATES!

Remember Our Friends in Need of Our Prayers

Don Taylor —S

Lawana Burrell-A

Walt Neal-Gersch, AL

Ken Hemmingway-M

Charles Holliman-Q

Veronica Campbell-Alabama-death
of YoYo Campbell

Linda Ferguson-death of Ed
Ferguson

Larry Chambers-Q



**Please let us know of anyone who
needs to be added to the prayer list.
Email pamc19741980@gmail.com**

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COMING GA EVENTS

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Chapter R Picnic—
September 23rd

Chapter A Fall Har-
vest - September 30th

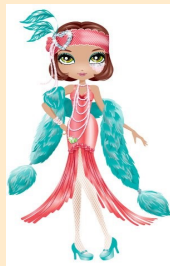
GA Wind Down—
November 4th



GWRRA

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

Region A Roaring Rally



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! Discount \$5 per person on
registration thru December 31st!**

SOUNDS OF THE SIXTIES!

TENNESSEE DISTRICT SPRING FLING!



**April 12-14, 2018 in Pigeon Forge, TN. Sign up for Dolly Parton's Smoky
Mountain Adventures Dinner Theater, www.gwrratn.org for registration.**

**Region N Fall Finale,
Johnson City, TN**

Nov. 2-4, 2017

Buccaneer's Bash



FUN

**Wings Over the Smokies
Country Fair! Sept. 28-30,
2017 Waynesville, NC**



**Mississippi Rally, Gulfport, Al
*Masquerade on the MS Coast***

October 12-14, 2017

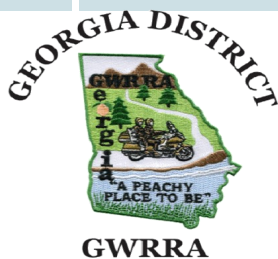


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Sept. 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 WING DING	2 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 WING DING
3	4 LABOR DAY	5	6	7	8	9 Chapter B , Eat 8:30 am—Meet 9:30 am, Come & Get It, Marietta, GA;
10	11 Chapter Q , Eat 6:00 pm—meet 7:00 pm, Hibachi Buffet, Warner Robins, GA	12 Chapter S , Eat 6:00 pm—meet 7:00 pm, Golden Corral, Winder, GA	13	14 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	15	16 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.
17	18 Chapter O , Meet 6:30 pm—meet 7:30 pm, Golden Corral, Tifton, GA	19	20	21 Chapter D2 , Eat 6:30 pm—Meet 7:30 pm, Western Sizzlin', Dalton, GA	22	23 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 CHAPTER R PICNIC
24	25	26	27	28 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.	29	30 CHAPTER A FALL HARVEST



Two Chapter Fun Days!
Chapter R Sept. 23rd
Chapter A Sept. 30th

