



## Goldwing Road Riders Association GEORGIA DISTRICT BULLETIN

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**Larry & Pamela Clemmer,  
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# Merry Christmas!



We wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! We know that most of you are busy planning and attending Chapter Christmas parties and having fun! The whole team wishes all of you well for the holidays and the new year.

We and the team have been visiting some chapters in the last few months due to changes in leadership. Chapter F2 in Augusta has made changes to be announced when it is official. Larry and Nu Cates stepped down at the October meeting.

Frank Cornan has stepped down at Chapter D2 in Dalton, and Larry and I will be officiating until we find a replacement Chapter Director.

We also have been attending organization meetings with the inactive Chapter D in Gainesville. The Chapter has new Directors, Greg and Tina White, and a new Treasurer, Rick Brown. We had a few members attend, and we are looking for others. Please put out the word. They will be starting meetings in April at a location and day/time to be announced. They do have a newsletter and some rides planned now.

Larry had hip surgery, so we are not doing any traveling right now. Shoulder surgery is next. However, our team will keep things going, so if you need anything or have questions, please call or email us or any team member.

Again, **MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

Larry and Pamela, GA District Directors

# HAPPY NEW YEAR



**Bob & Karla Greer**  
**GWRRA GA MAP**  
**Coordinators**



## ***Riding Motorcycles in Italy (From One Italian's Perspective)***

This is just too funny for me not to tell you about. Karla & I just returned from celebrating our 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary trip in Italy, Croatia, Montenegro & Greece. Our tour guide for 7 days in Italy was a 30 year old Italian named Francesco Fedeli. We soon discovered that Francesco rode a motorcycle.

After seeing the erratic riding habits, lane splitting, crossing double yellow lines, passing on both sides of cars (both stopped and driving), I asked Francesco about the accident and fatality rates for motorcycles in Italy. He told me that the fatality rates are very low, but they do have quite a few minor accidents. We then got into a discussion on Motorcycle riding habits in the U.S. vs. what I was observing in Italy. On a positive note, mandatory helmet laws for all riders & passengers were passed in 2000 in an effort to reduce Traumatic Brain Injuries. Francesco's response was so unique that I just had to tell you.

Francesco's short answer to breaking all the automobile traffic laws was, "If the cars are stopped and I can ride my motorcycle between or around them, why stop behind them? What is the reason for me to buy a motorcycle? If I am going to stop behind all the cars and abide by all the automobile rules, I should just drive a car." Interesting, don't you think.

After LMAO (Laughing My A\*\* Off) at his response, he asked me why I was laughing. I simply told him that his perspective was quite different from what I have known all my life.

**Disclaimer** – The above is only a story told to me by one young Italian motorcycle rider and may not reflect the ideology of others in Italy or Europe. Francesco's thoughts about riding motorcycles are not being endorsed by me or GWRRA. Please continue to follow GWRRA Rider Education guidelines about riding and riding safety. Remember ATGATT (All The Gear All The Time).

Bob Greer

GA MAP Coordinator

# ALL THE GEAR ALL THE TIME



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## NEW TRAINING WEEKENDS FOR 2019!



Frank & Melinda Brothers,

Georgia District Educators, MEDIC Coordinators, and University Instructors



Melinda and I would like to thank every one for their support for the Rider Ed program this year.

We are looking forward to working with everyone in the New Year. We have started making plans for the first Quarter training weekend. If you have any classes that your Chapter would like to take please let me know so we can try to work them into the training schedule. All classes will be open to all Chapters for the Quarter training weekends. We will put out the schedule after the first of the year so you can make plans to be there.

We would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Hope to See you at the next Training.

Frank & Melinda



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**Vance and Fern Oakes,**  
**Assistant District Directors, NE**  
**Couple of the Year Coordinators**

## **Time to Honor Your 2019 Couple of the Year!**

Chapter Directors, it's time once again to name a Couple of the Year, and possibly an Individual of the Year.

You probably have a couple in your chapter that you know you can always depend on to help whenever you need something done. You may have an individual who is the same way.

Please consider naming them the Chapter Couple of the Year or the Chapter Individual of the Year.

The couple can be a married couple, or it can be a couple who are in committed relationship. This should be a couple who both show up to functions on a regular basis. The individual can be an unmarried person, or it can be a person who is married or in a committed relationship, but their partner never, or rarely, shows up.

Both the Couple and the Individual must be members of GWRRA in good standing.

When you present them to the chapter, make it a big deal. Have their medallions ready to present to them, and you can also give them a bouquet. Don't ask them if they want to be the Couple or Individual, just surprise them at your Christmas party or at a chapter gathering. Please be sure to take pictures for your newsletter and send them to us so we can honor them in the District newsletter and website.

Vance & Fern



## **FRIENDS IN NEED OF PRAYER**

Ken Hemmingway—Chapter M

Lawana Burrell—District and Chapter A

Joel Reasons—Chapter D

Larry Nu—Death of Mom - Chapter F2

Larry Clemmer—District

Barry & Barbara Owens—District and Chapter O

Tom and Linda Mitchel—Florida

Walter Neal-Gresh—Alabama

Lynn and Lyn Edward—Alabama

Don Yearwood—Chapter B2

Barbara Thayer—Chapter A



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**August 27-31, 2019**  
**Nashville, TN**



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## **2019 GEORGIA WING FLING!**

**We are having a Hootenanny!**

**Concert, Dancing, Campfire Singin', FUN!**

**Time and Place to be announced soon!**



## **Motorcycles and Trikes of Atlanta**

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**Lawrenceville GA 30096**

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NO MEETINGS IN DECEMBER



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