



## Gold Wing Road Riders Association Georgia District Bulletin



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It is almost party time in the mountains of North Georgia our Ride In is less than a month away. I know that everyone is ready to get out and do some Riding and we have the rides for you. We will have one guided ride on Thursday and three guided rides on Friday and Saturday. Carlos has done a great job putting these rides together. So come on out and ride the great mountain roads of North Georgia.

There will be some changes in the way we will have to serve our meals. Because of social distancing we will be serving dinner at two times 5 pm and 6 pm. You will be given an arm band and the color of the band will let you know which time you will eat. We will try to keep all the chapters together if possible.

I know that it will be hard to maintain social distancing at all times. We will do our best to have a safe environment for everyone. We are not requiring that you wear a mask. Please feel free to wear one if you would like. It will be required for anyone serving food. So don't be alarmed to see all kitchen help with gloves and a mask when serving you. This is to keep the handling of the food to a minimum. We ask that when you get your food that you sit where we have placed the chairs. Please don't move them. We have them placed for a reason.

We will have a great time even with all the changes with social distancing in place. I hope you will understand and have patience as we work through these trying times.

Let's all have a Great Time. See you there.

Frank & Melinda Brothers  
District Directors



### **Ponder This**

“Ponder”-Think about something carefully, before making a decision or reaching a conclusion.

Couple of the Year (COY) – Almost every single leader in GWRRA was once a Couple Of The Year. Every single Chapter should name a COY. Don’t ask them, just appoint them. Appoint them for their contributions to your Chapter. Then encourage them to participate in the District COY Selection. If you need help on how this works, ask Vance & Fern Oaks, GA District COY Coordinators, or anyone on the District Team. Then ask your Chapter COY which other Chapters they would like to visit during the year and plan those rides. You will be surprised how contagious this is. Chapters of the Year are GWRRA’s future leaders.

Planned Group Rides – Planning rides for your Chapter can be challenging. Some like to ride a long way and some do not. Some have iron bladders and some do not. Most like to ride to eat but a few may not. Most like back roads but some like to hit the super slab. Try to do the best you can for the group and change it up from time to time. During this Covid-19 Pandemic, pack a lunch and stop at a park and ask Chapter members for ride ideas.

Chapter Visitation and Rallies – Visiting other Chapters is not only FUN, it is an opportunity to ride and see what other Chapters are doing. Check out what kind of FUN activities they incorporate into their regular monthly meetings and take them back to your home Chapter to share. Copying is the greatest form of complimenting.

Tire Pressure - Yesterday as I was checking my motorcycle tires for proper air pressure I had to keep telling myself how important this is because I have had two back operations and two knee replacements and this air check task just isn’t as easy as it used to be. Yet, it still needs to be done. This needs to be done by me and it needs to be done by you or someone that will do it for you. While you are down there turn those tires and check for tread wear also.

Clean your bike – Besides having a brilliantly clean & sparkly bike that everybody will talk about, you also just touched every single part of your motorcycle. This gives you the opportunity to find loose nuts & bolts

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and maybe something that just doesn't look right.

Some places to get some great GWRRA ideas

- Read the GA District Bulletin

- Read other Chapters' Newsletters

- Look at other Chapters' Web Pages

- Look at other Districts' Newsletters and Web Pages

- Read the monthly Insight Newsletter that is published by GWRRA

- Read the "Field Updates" in Wing World Magazine each month

When preparing to write this GA Bulletin Article I had so many ideas that could take one article per month for several months. Instead I decided to jot down this hodgepodge of thoughts so that you could find one or two that you like and pass it on to others.

In closing, let me remind everyone of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual GA District Ride-In in Dillard, GA October 8-10, 2020. Hope to see you there.

[Bob & Karla Greer](#)

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## **Meet Rick Woodford**

I was born in Bedford VA. I have lived in Atlanta since 1963. I live in the house I grew up in. Eagle Scout, divorced, 2 children that live in Parker, Colorado, B.A. Degree in Accounting and Business from Oglethorpe University, Private Pilot, Master Rider, Iron Butt member, Construction Business Owner, Olympic Whitewater Judge. I race road course go karts, etc. etc. etc....

GWRRA background...My brother found a long lost relative in Gainesville, Fla. while researching our family tree and invited him and his wife to our annual family reunion. He rode up to VA with his wife to the reunion on his Goldwing. I told him I was interested in moving to a bigger bike than my Kawasaki Vulcan 800 that I was riding at the time. He said if he ran across something he would let me know. About six months later he called me and asked if I wanted to meet for lunch in downtown Atlanta at the Varsity. He has some good and bad news. The good news: He found a great deal on a great bike, a Goldwing. The bad news: It's in Gainesville, FLA. (as if that was a problem). We met in Tifton, GA and put my Goldwing in my enclosed trailer and headed for home. That was December of 2014. In January 2015 I attended my first GWRRA Chapter event. It turned out my first Chapter meeting was also Newton Landrum's first meeting as the new Chapter Director of Chapter B.. Side note: Newton and I knew each other from the early 80's and worked together at the 1996 Olympics and hadn't been in touch for 20 years, he was also the photographer at my wedding, Wing Ding in Huntsville the following August was my first Wing Ding. That started my education in the Levels program. I went to every class I could and still do.

Now, I am active in both Chapters GA B and B2

Chapter Director of GWRRA GA Chapter B (thanks Newton)

Level 4 Master Tour Rider (thanks to Gail Cross, Chapter B2)

GWRRA University Instructor

40 to Phoenix Rider

a proud member of a whole new family called GWRRA

and a better motorcycle rider thanks to GA District, Murry, Frank, Vance, Norm, Bob, .



## Just What Is A “Riding Rally?”

I have been a member of GWRRA for many years. Over my years as a member, I have attended many, many GWRRA rallies... traditional GWRRA rallies... and I enjoy them immensely. Over this same time, however, I have heard more and more of my friends state that they are tired of traditional rallies and that they want to spend more time riding. Well, in 2019, when a number of factors required that the Georgia District do something different, the concept of “Come Ride With Us” was born.

Rather than trying to guarantee a hotel a certain number of room bookings, instead of leasing space for vendors, rather than paying for meeting rooms for seminars, and, instead of increasing our rally registration to \$35 a person to try pay for it all, the Georgia District decided to go an entirely different direction. Instead of having another ‘Same Ole, Same Ole’ we did a complete 180° turn. You see, sometimes less is more!

Gone was a \$30 or \$35 preregistration fee. Instead, preregistration is a minimal \$10 (\$15 after September 8). Seminars, vendors and other stale standbys were replaced by SEVEN different Guided Rides offered over 2-1/2 days. A “Cook-Off” provided a meal for attendees on Friday night and a District provided GOURMET meal fed attendees on Saturday evening. Yes, all for a \$10 preregistration.

For 2020, our “Cook-Off” will be stew... any kind of stew... as long as it is homemade. Last year, we had 22 entrants in our cook-off. Hopefully, we will have several stew entrants this year. If you want to enter, bring a Slow-Cooker (Croc Pot) of your homemade stew for Friday night. Be sure to ask a District Team member how to get registered.

The Saturday meal this year is a Gourmet Sloppy Joe dinner, complete with trimmings. Hey, if you question the “Gourmet” title, remember, the entire event comes with a preregistration price tag of \$10!!!

We will have a handful of brief and **FUN** activities after each of the two meals. A couple of the highlight activities will be Awards and our Couple of the Year Selection. So, be sure and stick around after dinner each evening. Additionally, like last year, we have Daily 50/25/25 Drawings. By offering the drawings each day (rather than just one drawing), members that can only stay for one or two days can also participate. Plus, we have more winners!

The District Team does need your help. We need help with registration, serving food and other items. Get involved and offer your assistance... it will be greatly appreciated!

One area that I am personally responsible for is the Guided Rides. I have some help line up already, but I certainly could use some more. In particular, I could use some Road Captains to Lead or Drag rides. I will have all of the routes available for importing into Garmin GPSs. So, if you (1) Are an experienced Road Captain and (2) Have a Garmin Zumo GPS (or 2018 + Goldwing with build-in GPS), I hope you will contact me at your earliest opportunity to volunteer. My cell number (call or text) is 864.908.8199 and my email

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address is [carlos@cmlozano.com](mailto:carlos@cmlozano.com). Please, please, please, offer to help if you can!

I could also use some non-riding help each day. If you don't plan on riding, but are willing to help stage riders, hand out participation tickets and/or other easy tasks, please contact me as well. In advance, I offer my extreme gratitude to all that offer to assist!

One last thing: I know a lot of folks don't like to preregister. Instead they prefer to wait and 'pay at the door'. I understand this sentiment; however, preregistration is important for us to be able to estimate the number of people we will have... and, as such, how much food we need to obtain for the District provided meal. Please consider sending in a preregistration! HURRY!!! Preregistrations ends September 8! Thanks!





## Make motorcycle riding safety your top priority!

Operating a motorcycle takes different skills than driving a car; however, the laws of the road apply to every driver just the same. A combination of consistent education, regard for traffic laws and basic common sense can go a long way in helping reduce the amount of fatalities involved in motorcycle accidents on a yearly basis. It's important to understand some basic motorcycle safety tips to make sure your next ride is a safe one.

### Follow these tips for safe riding:

#### Always wear a helmet with a face shield or protective eye wear.

Wearing a helmet is the best way to protect against severe head injuries. A motorcycle rider not wearing a helmet is five times more likely to sustain a critical head injury.

#### Wear appropriate gear.

Make sure to wear protective gear and clothing that will minimize the amount of injuries in case of an accident or a skid. Wearing leather clothing, boots with nonskid soles, and gloves can protect your body from severe injuries. Consider attaching reflective tape to your clothing to make it easier for other drivers to see you.

#### Follow traffic rules.

Obey the speed limit; the faster you go the longer it will take you to stop. Be aware of local traffic laws and rules of the road.

#### Ride Defensively

Don't assume that a driver can see you, as nearly two-thirds of all motorcycle accidents are caused by a driver violating a rider's right of way. You should always ride with your headlights on; stay out of a driver's blind spot; signal well in advance of any change in direction; and watch for turning vehicles.

#### Keep your riding skills honed through education.

Complete a formal riding education program, get licensed and take riding courses from time to time to develop riding techniques and to sharpen your street-riding strategies.

#### Be awake and ride sober.

Don't drink and ride, you could cause harm to yourself and others. Additionally, fatigue and drowsiness can impair your ability to react, so make sure that you are well rested when you hit the road.

#### Preparing To Ride

Making sure that your motorcycle is fit for the road is just as important as practicing safe riding. Should something be wrong with your motorcycle, it will be in your best interest to find out prior to hitting the road. To make sure that your motorcycle is in good working order, T clock your bike or trick.

Murry & Dawn Cail  
District Rider Educators

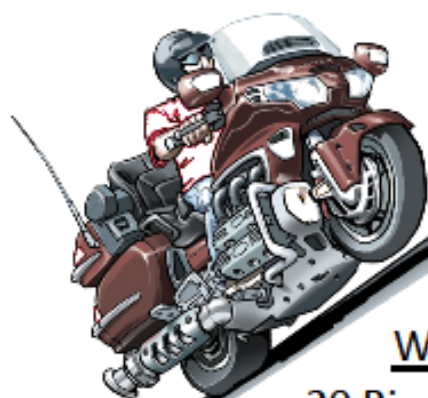


**GWRRA - Georgia District  
Presents our 2nd Annual**



# **"Come Ride With Us"**

## **A Riding Rally**



Where: River Vista Resort

20 River Vista Dr, Dillard, GA 30537

Call (706) 746-2722 for Campsite Reservations

(Ask for GWRRA rate; rates drop as more campsite are rented)

Hotel Rooms are available at Gateway Inn and Suites

64 White Oak Ln, Dillard, GA 30537 (rate not yet available)

Call (800) 204-1816 for Reservations (Use Group Code GWRRA)

When: October 8-10, 2020

Don't miss out on the **FUN!!!!**

- Advance Registration is only \$10 (Prior to 9/8/2020); \$15 On-Site
- Daily 50/25/25 Drawings
- FUN Outdoor Games
- Daily GUIDED Rides
- Self Guided Rides
- Friday Evening - Couple of the Year Selection
- Friday Cook-Off: (menu TBD) (open to all members); Judging at 4pm; Meal at 5pm (while the food lasts)
- Saturday Evening - GOURMET Sloppy Joe Dinner w/ coleslaw & desert (included with registration)
- Saturday Evening - MAP Awards
- Plus, lots more **FUN!**



# **“Come Ride With US” Pre-registration Form**

## **Registration Section**

*Liability Release: All Registrants Must Sign - We agree to hold harmless GWRRA, the co-sponsoring organization, and any property owners for any loss or injury to self or property by any reason by participating in this Event.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Member Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Member Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

District: \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Registration: Number of Attendees: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$10 = \_\_\_\_\_

## **Ticket Section**

Advance Purchase: \$5= 8 Tickets; \$10= 25 Tickets; \$20= 60 Tickets

(Onsite: \$5= 6 Tickets; \$10= 20 Tickets; \$20= 50 Tickets)

Thursday 50/25/25: \$ \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_ Tickets

Friday 50/25/25: \$ \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_ Tickets

Saturday 50/25/25: \$ \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_ Tickets

Total Ticket Dollars: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed: (Registration + Tickets): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Email (or cell number) to send confirmation: \_\_\_\_\_

Make Check Payable to: GWRRA - Georgia

Send registration with check to: Traci Thrasher, GWRRA-Georgia  
1060 Peacock Drive  
Bishop, GA 30621

Preregistration Helps the Georgia District. We hope that you will consider preregistering!

Pre-registration Ends September 8, 2020