

#### Gold Wing Road Riders Association

### Georgia District Bulletin



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Hi all!!

As spring returns and the virus is slowing down we all are ready to get back to riding and doing things again. As we start back with our gatherings and rides, we need to make every effort to get our members back involved in the activities. Please get in touch with them. I know you are sending out emails, but if you have not heard from them in a while give them a phone call. The call may be what will bring them back to the Chapter.

We are starting to have a few classes in the coming months.

Chapter S will have a First Aid CPR class on April 10<sup>th</sup>. This class is full.

Chapter T will have a First Aid Class on April 11<sup>th</sup>. This class is full.

Chapter I-2 will have a First Aid Class April 17<sup>th</sup>. This class has some openings.

Chapter B-2 will have a First Aid CPR Class on May 1<sup>st</sup>. This class may be canceled because of lack of participation.

For any information on these classes contact Frank Brothers 706-491-5205

We are looking into setting up some other classes in the next few months as places become available.

Please keep supporting our rally. It is only 6 months away on Sept 16-18 2021. Attached to this news bulletin is a Registration form.

Hope to see you all soon,

Frank & Melinda Brothers **District Directors** 



### MAP COORDINATORS AS WE SEE IT ....

We said good-bye to 2020, a year filled with many challenges, some good and some not so good. We sit back and reflect on the rides and fellowship that we shared at the start of 2020, then we were blindsided by Covid-19which put a major stop to our rides and gatherings. However, that did not stop us from communicating with friends and family, be it through social media, telephone calls, and.... we even learned to communicate throughZoom.

Time is moving right along – many of us have already had both Covid-19 shots and recovered from any side-affects. But.... were told to continue being careful and well we should. Our hope is to be able to participate with MAP events and some Chapters have already started doing so.

May is Motorcycle Awareness Month and will be here very soon. Governor Brian P. Kemp has proclaimed May 2021 as Motorist Awareness Month. May 08 has been designated as Motorist Awareness Day and GWRRA wants each Chapter to make plans to set up a table at a location and talk to the public about motorist awareness and handout flyers, pamphlets, booklets, free giveaways that we have been able to get from local merchants. Also, that we have their permission and follow the regulations given to us regarding Covid-19. It isadvisable that arrangements be made with them at least two (2) weeks prior to our May 08 event. Weather permitting, we might even be able to ride our bikes to the location we will set up and hear the ohhhs and ahhhs.

This is a time we want to educate motorists as to how to be more aware of motorcyclists. When an accident occurs, one of the first things that is said, "I swear I didn't see them". They have been distracted either by eating, texting or talking on their cell phone, or singing along to their favorite tune on the radio.

That is also a true statement when the role is reversed. We riders get so involved in the scenery that we don't really pay that much attention to our surroundings. Or...we are in an intersection and accelerate to go across orturn and "oooops, there it is" – and we wonder where in the world did that motorist come from. We have misjudged the distance and now... WE say "I swear, I didn't see them".

Our Chapter Ride Coordinator once told us "Expect the Unexpected", because you know how you ride (and we should be riding safely), but you do not know how the other person drives.

All this said, there is one more thing we would like for you to help with. As your MAP Coordinators we have an activity report that is due the last day of each month. Please fill one out for your Chapter and email Sylvia at <a href="mailto:stogden@uga.edu">stogden@uga.edu</a>. It helps to keep track of events your Chapter has had during the month. Also, it helps to keep track of Gold Award candidates -- National MAP Team would be interested in what a sensational job you are doing at making motorists aware that we, as motorcyclists, are out there riding to and from. We want them to drive safely, just as we want to ride safely. Thank you for all you do with and for your Chapter.

Be Safe, Be Careful Blessings to you and yours

Jim & Sylvia MAP Coordinators





### LOOK TWICE SAVE A LIFE WATCH FOR MOTORCYCLES

Don't drive distracted (cellphones, food/beverages)
Always look twice when merging into traffic
Don't mow grass clippings or rake leaves into
street or highway

Keep a safe following distance behind motorcycles
Be aware of blind spots in your vehicle
Encourage children to spot motorcycles on trips
so they learn to

Look for them when they start driving Keep your distance at stop signs and traffic lights

# **GWRRA - Georgia District**Presents our 3rd Annual



# "Come Ride With Us"

A Riding Rally—September 16-18, 2021

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 campsites are rented)
Local Hotels—Gateway Inn and Suites (800) 204-1816,
Knights Inn (706) 746-5321, &
Mountain Valley Inn (855) 516-1090
Don't miss out on the FUN!!!!

- Advance Registration is only \$10 (Prior to 8/16/2021); \$15 On-Site
- Daily 50/25/15/10 Drawings
- FUN Outdoor Games
- Daily GUIDED Rides
- Self Guided Rides
- Thursday Evening Couple of the Year
   Selection & Bingo
- Friday Chili Cook-Off: (open to all members); Judging at 4pm; Meal at 5pm (while the food lasts) - Plus Bingo afterwards
- Saturday Evening GOURMET Hot Dog Meal w/ side & 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.

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<u>Ticket Section</u>
Advance Purchase: \$5= 8 Tickets; \$10= 25 Tickets; \$20= 60 Tickets
(Onsite: \$5= 6 Tickets; \$10= 20 Tickets; \$20= 50 Tickets)
Thursday 50/25/15/10: \$;Tickets
Friday 50/25/15/10: \$;Tickets
Saturday 50/25/15/10: \$;Tickets
Total Ticket Dollars: \$
Shirt Section
Advance Purchase Pricing, needed for ordering of transfers—Color and size selection can be made On-Si
Short Sleeve Tee (S-XL \$16/2XL+ \$18): Qty: \$
Long Sleeve Tee (S-XL \$18/2XL+ \$20): Qty: \$
Polo Shirt (S-XL \$24/2XL+ \$26): Qty: \$
Shirt Total Dollars: \$
otal Enclosed: (Registration + Tickets + Shirts): \$
mail (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 August 16, 2021