



Gold Wing Road Riders Association Georgia District Bulletin



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Hi all,

As spring returns and we start riding again we need to make sure that our motorcycle is in good working order.

Please check your tires. They may look good but may be getting old and have some weather cracks that are too small to see. Check the DOT date code to see when your tires were made. The code will be on the tire in an oval. The first two numbers will be the week that they were made and the next two will be the year. If your tires are over 5 years old you will need to replace them. Remember you only have two and it is your life that you may save. Please don't ride on old tires.

Please keep our Rally in mind. It is Sept 15-17

We will have a chili cook off on Friday night so get out your **favorite recipe**.

BINGO on Friday night after the meal.

We will have a hamburger supper on Saturday night .

And a lot of riding so start making your Plans
The flyer is attached to this newsletter.

Ride safe and often.

Frank & Melinda
District Directors



MOTORIST AWARENESS ...

Motorist Awareness is a daily consideration. The weather is getting warmer, the flowers and trees are blooming. Our clocks have sprung forward, giving us more daylight. We are anxious to travel the highways and byways once again.

May 2022 has been designated as Motorist Awareness Month, but also Bicycle Awareness Month...hmmm did you know that...we happened to have come across an article written by Ron Carroll, former GWRRA Arizona District Motorist Awareness Coordinator. He and his wife Maddie may not be doing it at the district level anymore but continue as individuals whenever and wherever they can. We contacted Ron and asked if we could share the article from which he obtained from Traffic School Online.com. In support of these two-yearly May events, here are some safety tips that will help ensure that we, as motorcycle, bicycle, or any other motorized vehicle rider to be safe on the road. Also, included, are tips for drivers...we don't always ride, you know!

TIPS FOR MOTORCYCLISTS:

- **Drive Defensively.** Motorcycles often have the ability to accelerate faster and fit into tighter spaces than most other vehicles. Just because you can drive faster or weave through traffic doesn't mean you should. Remember, motorcycles are smaller, therefore more difficult to spot, especially when driving fast and erratically. Be courteous on the road, maintain the speed limit, use your signals, and allow plenty of space around your bike.
- **Wear Proper Gear.** Always wear your helmet when you drive a motorcycle. Wearing a helmet could help save your life in case of an accident or collision. Get riding gear with padding to protect you if you fall. Invest in some good non-slip gloves, and boots or riding shoes that cover your ankles. Dressing appropriately can both protect you and make riding even more comfortable.

TIPS FOR BICYCLISTS: The League of American Bicyclists have five (5) "Rules of the Road" to prepare riders for a safe and enjoyable riding experience and they are,

- **Follow the Law.** Even though you are riding a bicycle, you still have the same rights, duties, and responsibilities as any other driver. You are required to ride with traffic, signal before turning, yield right-of-way, and any other laws of the road.
- **Be Predictable.** Surprises on the road can cause accidents, especially for bicyclists. That is why it's always important to ride predictably. This means don't swerve between vehicles, always signal your intentions to turn or change lanes, and check over your shoulder before turning.
- **Be Conspicuous.** Always make yourself visible by wearing bright clothes. Also, use a white light on the front of your bike and a red light on the back. Reflectors on your bike and clothing also increase visibility to drivers when visibility is low. Make eye contact with other drivers to ensure they see you. And...for goodness sakes, stay off the sidewalks!
- **Think ahead.** It is important to think before you act while riding on a bike. Try to predict what other drivers will do based on their use of signals or positions on the road. Keep an eye out for potholes, debris, puddles, or other road hazards that can hinder your movement. When you approach a railroad, cross at a right angle.
- **Ride Ready.** Before riding, check to ensure your bike is ready for the trip. Make sure your tires are properly filled with air, that your chains are running smoothly, and your brakes are operational. Keep necessary tools in case of an emergency, i.e., a spare tire tube or first aid kit, and always wear a helmet.

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TIPS FOR ALL DRIVERS:

- **Share the Road.** Remember, the road doesn't only belong to cars and trucks. Motorcyclists and bicyclists have just as much right on the roadway as any other vehicle, so long as they follow their own vehicle-specific rules and regulations.
- **Be Aware of Your Surroundings.** Because of their smaller sizes, motorcyclists and bicyclists can easily be overlooked, especially if they happen to be riding in one of your vehicle's blind spots. Before turning or changing lanes, be sure to signal and look over your shoulder. In most vehicles, that is the only way to check the blind spot that the rear and side mirrors can't spot.
- **Give Motorcyclists and Bicyclists Plenty of Room.** Even though they are smaller in size, it's important to allow bikes and motorcycles enough room to travel safely. Give riders a full lane to drive in even if they take up part of a lane. And be sure to allow at least four seconds of space between you and a motorcycle in case you both must stop suddenly.
- **It's going take a car that weighs over two tons longer to stop than a half-ton motorcycle.**

Gold Wing Road Riders Association (GWRRA) and its chapters around the world promote Motorcycle Safety by having available to you, its members, various FREE classes, and courses at a minimum cost (this in order to purchase training materials) to all members so they have the opportunity to Enhance their Motorcycle Riding skills and Knowledge to help them be safe on the roads.

Driving ANY vehicle is a privilege and we must improve on our awareness of others of the road with us. And...we in GWRRA hope that you the Motorist who do not ride will drive more aware of not only motorcycles but also others on the road with you.

p.s. -- each of us could add more to the above article, but...this is enough to get us to thinking how important it is to always "Be A Lifesaver – Watch for Motorcycles" or "Look Twice – Save a Life".

GOD BLESS

Jim & Sylvia J. Stogden

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Rider Education

We hope everyone is doing ok.

Well, spring has sprung! Remember the old saying—If you don't use it, you lose it. That is true with riding a motorcycle, too. Some things you can do to get your edge back is to go to a parking lot and practice the skills you learned in one of GWRRA's riding classes. Practice swerves, tight cornering, quick stops and so on. This will help you get back in the groove and may help you avoid an accident.

Another helpful hint is to make your initial rides short—100 to 200 miles—before making those longer rides. And don't forget that stop at a Dairy Queen!

We need your help! Rider Ed is now open for business! You can help by letting your Chapter Director know what educational class or riding class you want or need to keep your Rider Ed Level.

Just let us hear from you and we will set up instructors for you.

Ride Safe!

Murry and Dawn
District Rider Educators

Thoughts and Prayers Needed

For Barry Owens as he fights cancer. He is having a rough time. And for his wife, Barbara, as she attends to him.

For Carol Whitlock as she is taking chemotherapy. And for her husband, Woody, as he attends to her.

For any and all members that are battling health problems.



JIM & SYLVIA – CHAPTER T COUPLE OF THE YEAR

We are Jim & Sylvia J. Stogden. We have been married fifty-six (56) years. We are originally from the Southwest, “The Land of Enchantment” (New Mexico). Jim enlisted in the Navy at the age of 17 and remained on active duty for thirty (30) years. After his Military retirement in 1991, we moved to Georgia where Jim had been selected for the position as Director of the Lodging Facilities at the Navy Supply Corps School in Athens and remained there until its closure and his retirement in 2011. Sylvia began her UGA career in 1992 and retired from the Law School in 2012.

As members of the Order of Eastern Star (OES), Sylvia has served as Worthy Matron, District Grand Deputy, Grand Representative to Arizona in Georgia and Grand Marshal for the State of Georgia, and Jim has served as Worthy Patron, District Grand Deputy, and Grand Representative to Arizona in Georgia. Jim is a member of Aztec Lodge #3 AF&AM in Las Cruces, NM, and

John H. Jones #347 F&AM in Danielsville, GA where he has served as Master of his Lodge, Secretary as well as Past Master of the 8th Masonic District and District Grand Deputy to the Grand Master of Georgia. Jim is also member of the Scottish Rite, Valley of Alexandria, VA.

In addition to being members of GWRRA, we are mem

bers of Christian Motorcyclists Association (CMA). We are members of Cycle Disciples #428, CMA in Athens and when time permits, we participate in local Patriot Guard Rides. We are also members of the Hull Civic Club in Hull, GA. Our son John and family (wife and two granddaughters) live in Ledyard, CT. He is a member of GWRRA, CT-A in North Stonington, CT. and we have been fortunate to have attended the New England Rally with him.

We have been riding motorcycles steadily since the late sixties. Sylvia’s first trike was a basket case of a Harley Davidson 45, Servi Car, which stayed in the living room and back yard for six months while being customized. Jim’s first experience riding a Gold Wing was at the Rock Store on Mulholland Highway in Cornell, CA, where every type of biker would go and “bond” with each other. It was there that a friend was unable to ride his Gold Wing home, so Jim volunteered to ride it home for him.

Prior to Jim’s retirement from Civil Service, he purchased the “Little Boy” a 1994 1500 Gold Wing Trike. In 2014 we signed up to do Route 66 and decided to purchase a bigger trailer. While planning for the trip, Jim found out a friend was selling his wife’s 1800 Gold Wing Trike and after we purchased it, we road it on our trip. Sylvia has since then had it customized to match her personality, to the point of even winning 1st place overall at a local Car & Motorcycle show.

We have been members of GWRRA and Chapter T since 2010. Jim’s hobbies are fishing, people watching, and “reclining”, and plans to do more of it when weather permits now that he has purchased a hammock. He also enjoys planning for our long-distance summer road trips. Lord willing, we will finish our Bucket List this year, riding the “Trail of Tears”. Sylvia enjoys all forms of needlework, sewing, crafting, walking, reading. We both enjoy riding, and meeting other GWRRA members be it a Rally, Chapter gathering or at a Meet & Eat. As we have traveled to and from, we have met many who have become truly life-long friends.

It was an honor and surprise to have been selected as Chapter T Couple of the Year for 2021-2022. We also held that honor in

2018-2019. Thank You Chapter T. In 2019-2020 we were selected as District Couple of the Year...another great honor. Thank You GA District. We are also GA District Motorist Awareness Coordinators as of 2021. Jim is also Chapter T’s Member Contact Coordinator and Sylvia is Sunshine Lady. We will strive to do our best as Chapter T COY and represent you well and we continue to do our best as GA District MAP Coordinators...we take pride in our positions and are always willing to learn and share.

In answer to the question as to why we travel cross country so much...America is a beautiful country and no better way to see it then on a Gold Wing Trike and making a lifetime of friendships and memories. GOD HAS TRULY BLESSED US



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**GWRRA - Georgia District
Presents our 4th Annual**



"Come Ride With Us"

A Riding Rally—September 15-17, 2022

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—Quality Inn (former 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 8/16/2022); \$15 On-Site
- ♦ Daily 50/25/15/10 Drawings
- ♦ 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 Hamburger w/ bake beans, chips & 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 50/25/15/10: \$ _____; _____ 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-Site)

Short Sleeve Tee (S-XL \$17/2XL+ \$19): Qty: _____ \$ _____

Long Sleeve Tee (S-XL \$19/2XL+ \$21): Qty: _____ \$ _____

Polo Shirt (S-XL \$25/2XL+ \$27): Qty: _____ \$ _____

Shirt Total Dollars: \$ _____



Total Enclosed: (Registration + Tickets + Shirts): \$ _____

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 August 16, 2022