



## Georgia “Couple of the Year” Mascot Guidelines

**Purpose: The purpose of the Mascot is to encourage and promote inter-chapter visitation during the year by our Georgia Chapter Couples of the Year.**



1. Any current GA Chapter Couple of the Year (“Couple”) wishing to challenge possession of the mascot may do so by attending the next gathering or event of the possessing Chapter Couple. In case more than one Couple challenges possession, the Couple that has traveled the most distance will be given possession of the mascot. Couples that ride their motorcycle will be awarded double mileage. Determination of distances will be made by multiplying the total number of people challenging for the mascot by the number of miles traveled. *(For example, if Couple A travels 50 miles on their motorcycle, and Couple B travels 75 miles in their car, then Couple A’s miles are calculated as  $2 \times 50 \times 2 = 200$ , and Couple B’s miles are calculated as  $2 \times 75 = 150$ . Couple A having the most calculated miles would be awarded the mascot.)* Distance is determined by the most direct route from the visiting Couples Chapter monthly gathering place to the monthly gathering place of the Chapter that is in possession of the mascot. The Mileage Chart published on the Georgia District Web Site is the authority for determining the official mileage. The Mileage Chart is an easy to use matrix that shows the

mileage from gathering place to gathering place for each GA Chapter.

2. In the event that both members of a Couple representing a challenge are not present, then a single member of a Couple becomes eligible. However, in the event that both members of a Couple are present—they will always take priority over a Couple where only one member is present.

3. Both members representing the challenging Couple must sign in and show current GWRRA membership card.

4. The mascot is to be awarded at the end of the chapter gathering/event.

5. Once a Couple has successfully challenged and taken possession of the mascot, the Chapter's MEC or representative will immediately notify the District Couple of the Year Coordinators so this information can be posted on the Georgia District website. If possible, please also submit a picture of the possessing Couple presenting the mascot to the challenging/receiving Couple.

6. When the announcement of a successful challenge has been made, the mascot will then be available for challenge at the next gathering or event of the possessing Chapter. This process will then begin again.

7. No Couple can re-gain possession of the mascot until it has been taken from the Chapter in which the said Couple presented it to. The one exception is that if during the next event the mascot is not captured by anyone, then at the following event, the mascot will be available to the previous possessing Chapter Couple. *(Example: If Chapter A has the mascot and Chapter B Couple comes and takes possession, then Chapter A Couple cannot re-gain possession from Chapter B at Chapter B’s next event. They must wait until another Chapter Couple has taken it -- unless no one captures it from Chapter B, in which case Chapter A Couple will become eligible to capture it from Chapter B at their next event.)*

8. The mascot will circulate between January 29<sup>th</sup> thru November, 2011; a plaque will be awarded at the 2011 Georgia District Wind Down Event to the Chapter Couple of the Year out of the 2011 Class who captured the mascot the most times. In the event that two or more Couples are tied for capturing the mascot the most times, there will be a drawing between those Couples to determine the final awarding of the mascot.

Any questions regarding the Georgia Couple of the Year Mascot Visitation Program should be directed to the Georgia District Couple of the Year Coordinators – **Dave & Betty Andrade** Home: 706-342-3087 Cell: 706-818-0544