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To start the year off, we had a New Year's Day ride to Cleveland, to the Cottage House, for lunch. We had 13 that attended. We all had a great time and a lot of good food.

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We will be back on our regular schedule, next month. We had to change this month because of the Officer's meeting on the 18th. Our lunch ride will be Jan. 25th, time and place to be decided. Next meeting at Shoney's will be Feb. 15th.

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We have a First Aid, CPR class planned for Jan. 11th, after our meeting. This will be a renewal class. We have several that will expire in February, so if your certification expires soon, please be sure to attend.

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We have lots of things planned for 2014, please look on the Web site event page, to plan what rides you can go on. If there is a ride or a place you would like to go to, that is not on the list, please let us know and we will try to get it worked in.

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As always, Ride safe and often!!
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Larry Crouse Chapter Rider Educator



What if ...?

The “*What If*” game can save your life. Rather than being surprised by left-turning cars, skittish deer, or an old couch in the middle of the road, use your imagination to predict possible hazards and then take measures to minimize them.

You see a car parked on the shoulder. “*What if* it’s not parked, and is actually about to do a U-turn?”

You pass an open gate in front of a farmhouse: “*What if* all the cows got out?”

Rounding a corner in the mountains, you see little scraps of tire carcass on the road. “*What if* there’s a broken-down semi in my lane around this corner?”

- Riding along a road littered with dead deer: “*What if* there are more waiting to cross?”

Play the “*What If*” game continuously as you ride, imagine what could happen and how you would react to it, visualize yourself avoiding the hazard, and keep the rubber side down.

I remember reading about a motorcyclist who was passing under a railroad trestle bridge out west somewhere. A dog crossing the bridge fell through and struck the moving motorcycle. The rider died. Truth can be stranger than fiction. Use your imagination and play the “*What If*” game and outsmart all the hazards that life throws your way, even the unusual ones that...

“...would NEVER happen to me.”

Insect Sting Allergy Treatment

Call 911 if the person has:

- Trouble breathing
- Feelings of faintness or dizziness
- Hives
- A swollen tongue
- A history of severe allergy reaction to insect stings

If the person *does not* have severe allergy symptoms:

1. Remove the Stinger

- Scrape the area with a fingernail or use tweezers to remove it.
- Don't pinch the stinger -- that can inject more venom.

2. Control Swelling

- Ice the area.
- If you were stung on your arm or leg, elevate it.
- Remove any tight-fitting jewelry from the area of the sting. As it swells, rings or bracelets might be difficult to remove.

3. Treat Symptoms

- For pain, take an over-the-counter painkiller like acetaminophen or ibuprofen. Do not give aspirin to anyone under age 18.
- For itchiness, take an antihistamine. You can also apply a mixture of baking soda and water or calamine lotion.

4. Follow-Up

- It might take 2-5 days for the area to heal. Keep it clean to prevent infection.

If the person *does* have severe allergy symptoms (anaphylaxis):

1. Call 911

Seek emergency care if the person has any of these symptoms or a history of severe allergic reactions (anaphylaxis), even if there are no symptoms:

- Difficulty breathing or wheezing
- Tightness in the throat or a feeling that the airways are closing
- Hoarseness or trouble speaking
- Nausea, abdominal pain, or vomiting

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- Fast heartbeat or pulse
- Skin that severely itches, tingles, swells, or turns red
- Anxiety or dizziness
- Loss of consciousness

2. Inject Epinephrine Immediately

- If the person has an anaphylaxis action plan from a doctor for injecting epinephrine and other emergency measures, follow it. Otherwise, if the person carries an epinephrine shot or one is available:
 - Inject epinephrine if the person is unable to.
 - If the person has a history of anaphylaxis, don't wait for signs of a severe reaction to inject epinephrine.
 - Read and follow patient instructions carefully.
 - Inject epinephrine into outer muscle of the thigh. Avoid injecting into a vein or buttock muscles.
 - Do not inject medicine into hands or feet, which can cause tissue damage. If this happens, notify emergency room staff.
 - The person may need more than one injection if there's no improvement after the first. For an adult, inject again after 10 to 20 minutes. For a child, inject again after 5 to 30 minutes.
 - A person should always go to the ER after an epinephrine injection, even if the symptoms subside.

3. Do CPR if the Person Stops Breathing

- For a child, start [CPR for children](#).
- For an adult, start [adult CPR](#).

4. Follow-Up

- Make sure that someone stays with the person for 24 hours after anaphylaxis in case of another attack.
- Report the reaction to the person's doctor.





Jeanna Phillips Motorist Awareness Coordinator



Do not assume. Let's attempt to make everyone aware, even the law enforcement that helps escort rides for us. Think ahead, always looking for an escape route, and being alert of our surroundings at all times. On a ride recently we were almost involved in an accident. While the group, riding in the staggered-formation, and being escorted, an Officer in his patrol vehicle, not involved in the escort, came from nowhere it seemed. Facing traffic was pulled off to the side of the road waiting for the group to pass. Near the end of the passing group the facing traffic started to pull back into their lane. When the law enforcement vehicle almost hit them head on he had to merge into the motorcycle group to avoid the collision. Bikes slowed down, and took evasive action and moved from the left track to right track quickly. I assumed the officer was headed to an emergency call and I was not aware he was beside me (us) until it was almost too late. Later I found out he was not, but even if he was going to an emergency did he not think ahead, or was I too comfortable enjoying the escorted ride? Either way we all need to be alert at all times. A Gold Wing is a large motorcycle but can easily be hidden in a blind spot, behind a vehicle, or just not seen by motorist. Anticipate what other vehicles or motorcycles may or may not do and have an escape plan so we will all be safer. By sharing ideas about safe riding and getting the message out could help save a life including yours or mine. So let's start the year off right and share what we know. We all need reminding sometimes, we can learn from each other's experiences and skills. When was the last time you shared safety information? What it's all about is motorcyclist and motorist being defensive drivers and watching out for one another. The first time I met a group of Gold Wings they were eager to help me. Riders and co riders shared tips that made the ride safer for us all and the other vehicles on the highway. Whether you are the driver, or sitting in the co-rider seat, new to motorcycling or have been riding for years Rider Ed. classes are a great resource. Let's all brush up on our riding skills for a fun, safe 2014 Season. Take advantage of all the free classes GWRRR has to offer in Ga. Let's grow, learn, share, and practice. It makes for more FUN, Friends, and increases our knowledge. Tell others to Watch Out for motorcycles! Go ride proud, dress loud to be seen.



Dress Loud & Ride Proud

Gold Wing Road Riders Association

January Birthdays

10th Larry Watkins
13th Gene Callahan
30th Rod Oliver



Belated Nov. & Dec. Birthdays

Nov 1st Lynn West
Nov 4th Jane Moricz
Nov 5th Carley Funderburke
Nov 13th Paul Cartwright
Nov 27th Merrie Colvard
Dec 8th Frank Brothers

Congratulations
Couple of the Year (COY) 2014



Congratulations to Larry & Linda
Watkins for being selected as
Chapter I-2's Couple of the Year
2014 (COY).

January Anniversaries

None

Belated Nov. & Dec. Anniversaries

Nov 17th Cynthia & Gene Callahan
Nov 24th Merrie & Joe Colvard
Dec 14th Melinda & Frank Brothers

CONCERNS

Larry Watkins will be having shoulder replacement surgery the first of February.
Julie Degler is still recovering from knee replacement in Nov.
Julie and Roy's daughter Kristen has been in the hospital due to Crohn's disease.

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Bucky & Cupcake Blacksheep

CONDOLENCES

MARGARET K. VAUGHN, DECEMBER 11TH, 2013



*To our Chapter Family,
Thank you so much for your friendship, love and support during this difficult time with the passing of Margaret, my loving wife, and devoted mother. Without you by our side this would have been more traumatic. Just know that she loved Chapter I-2 and all its wonderful people.
Ronnie, and family*



Up Coming Events For 2014



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- Jan 1 New Years Day Lunch Ride. Cottage House Restaurant, 5702 Hwy 115 East, Cleveland, Georgia. Come on 2,3 or 4 wheels. We will leave Lavonia Exxon at 10:30 Am.
 - Jan 11 Chapter I-2's Gathering for this month only will be the 2nd Saturday vs. the 3rd Sat. at Shoney's. Eat at 11am, Meeting 12-1pm. This change was necessary due to the "Officers Conference".
 - Jan 11 Following our January Gathering Chapter I-2 will be having a CPR/First-Aid re-certification class, and will be held at the "Line Fire Dept", Martin, Ga.
 - Jan 18 "Chilly Willy" is back in conjunction with the GWRRA Ga. Chapter's "Officers Conference". Being held again this year at Buckner's Family Restaurant, Jackson, Ga.
 - Jan 25 Chapter I-2 Lunch or Dinner Ride, Location and Time to be decided.
 - Feb 15 Chapter I-2 Gathering at Shoney's. Eat at 11am, Meeting 12-1pm.
 - Feb 22 Chapter I-2 Lunch or Dinner Ride, Location and Times to be decided.
 - March 15 Chapter I-2 Gathering at Shoney's. Eat at 11am, Meeting 12-1pm.
 - March 22 Chapter I-2 Lunch or Dinner Ride, Location and Times to be decided.
 - April 19 Chapter I-2 Gathering at Shoney's. Eat at 11am, Meeting 12-1pm.
 - April 26 Chapter I-2 Lunch or Dinner Ride, Location and Times to be decided.
 - May 17 Chapter I-2 Gathering at Shoney's. Eat at 11am, Meeting 12-1pm.
 - May 31 Proposed Memorial Day "Motorist Awareness" campaign at the "Georgia / South Carolina I-85 Welcome Center".
 - May 31 Chapter I-2 Dinner Ride, following the "Motorist Awareness" campaign, Location T.B.A.
 - June 12-14 2014 Georgia District Convention "Goldwing Roundup - It's a Rodeo", "Dillard House", Dillard, GA
 - July 2-5 Wing Ding 36 at the "ALLIANT ENERGY CENTER" MADISON, WISCONSIN.
 - July 19 Chapter I-2 Gathering at Shoney's. Eat at 11am, Meeting 12-1pm.
 - July 26 Chapter I-2 Lunch or Dinner Ride, Location and Times to be decided.
 - August 16 Chapter I-2 Gathering at Shoney's. Eat at 11am, Meeting 12-1pm.
 - August 23 Chapter I-2 Lunch or Dinner Ride, Location and Times to be decided.
 - Sept. 20 Chapter I-2 Gathering at Shoney's. Eat at 11am, Meeting 12-1pm.

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- Sept. 25-27 Wings Over The Smokies Returns to its' Roots. The rally for 2014 will be held in Cherokee, NC. It will be at the "Acquoni Expo Center", 1501 Acquoni Road, Cherokee, NC.
- Sept. 27 Chapter I-2 Lunch or Dinner Ride, Location and Times to be decided.
- October 18 Chapter I-2 Gathering at Shoney's. Eat at 11am, Meeting 12-1pm.
- October 25 Chapter I-2 Lunch or Dinner Ride, Location and Times to be decided.
- November ? GA. District Wind-Down, "Civitan Fairgrounds", Hwy 257, Dublin , GA.
- November 15 No Chapter I-2 Gathering at Shoney's for November and December.
- November 15 Chapter I-2 "End of Year 2014 Celebration". New Franklin Christian Church, 4244 New Franklin Church Rd, (Hwy.327), Canon, GA. Same location as last year. Hope you can make-it !!
6:00 pm until.....



**Florida District Convention,
Kissimmee**

March 20-22

Alabama District Convention, Mobile

April 3-5

**South Carolina District Convention,
Florence**

May 1-3

Georgia District Convention, Dillard

June 12-14

Region "A" Convention, Eufaula, AL

September 11-13

**Mississippi District Convention,
Gulfport**

October 16-18



Chapter Classifieds

Bike & Non-Bike Items

1. **Vertical (hidden) hitch for '01-'10 Goldwings (probably '11, too). It was on my '05 and worked beautifully, but I'm converting to a trike, so it's coming off. Currently on sale for \$160 at "WingStuff" (search for item 45-1806) but you can have this one for \$100. Call Cal Krefft, 706-839-7655.**
2. **New "Kuryakyn" rider backrest for GoldWing 1800. \$125.00. Contact Joe Colvard 706-988-9048.**
3. **"Pace" Trailer 16' x 8' 6", Rivetless sides, 2 vents in roof, E-Track down both sides and down the middle (recessed in floor), 5500 lb. rated axles, tread-plate covering lower front panel, ramp rear door (heavy duty); \$6,900.00 Like New! Contact Joe Colvard 706-988-9048, pictures available upon request.**
4. **Assorted Bits and pieces leftover from '02 1800 GoldWing (Illusion Blue), and '08 1800 GoldWing (Dark Red Metallic) TRIKE CONVERSIONS. These parts include, complete rear-end assemblies, brake-discs, rear-wheels, side-bags, etc. IF You need parts for repairs or just to have extra on-hand contact me. Ronnie at 706-340-7320 or EMAIL ronniev@bellsouth.net**



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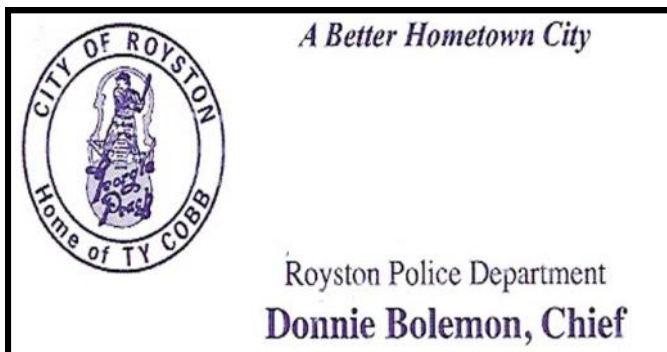
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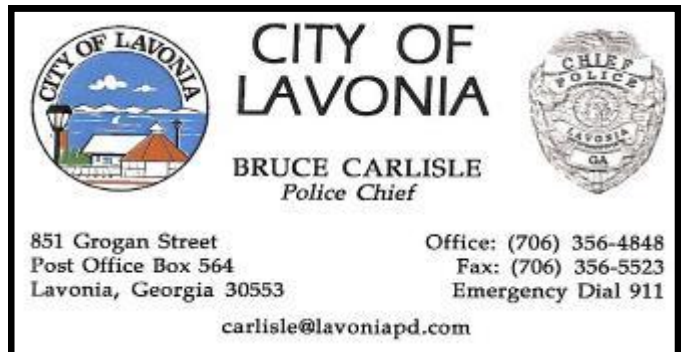
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12	Gene Callahan's Birthday ● 13	14	15	16	17	▶ 10:45AM - 3:00PM CHILLY WILLY & OFFICERS CONFERENCE (Buckner's Family Restaurant, located, 1168 Bucksnoet Road Jackson, GA 30233)
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February 2014



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January 2014



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Looking Forward to the Coming Year

As I sit down to write this article, it is only a few days before Ole St. Nick will be making his rounds. Vicky and I hope that you all made Santa's good list and that you received all that you have asked for.



Looking forward, it will be only a few more

days until we will be bringing in a New Year. Several Chapters have planned Years Day Rides and/or Gatherings to share this special occasion with their GWRRR friends and family.

We hope that you all have marked your calendars and plan to join us for **Chilly Willy** on January 18th,



2014 for some good food, fellowship, fun and prizes at Buckner's Family Restaurant. Located at 1168 Bucksnot Road, Jackson, GA 30233, they will start serving lunch at 10:45am and it is only \$13.25 per person including Tax and Gratuity (**CASH ONLY/ NO CREDIT CARDS**). Remember Chilly Willy will be followed by the Officers Conference and all Georgia Chapter Officers are encouraged to attend. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Tommy & Vicky



We are looking forward to seeing you at the Georgia District Convention/Rally for a **Gold Wing Rodeo!**
Join us next June in Dillard!

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?

Now that the holidays are in our rear view mirror we hope that they were safe, happy and healthy for all of you! 2014 is here and it stretches before us unblemished with all of its adventures, hopes and dreams awaiting us to make some choices!

So, what are you going to do with it? Our hope is that you will take advantage of all the "World

Class" educational programs that make up GWRRA Rider Education! The Levels Program, riding courses, seminars, MEDIC First Aid and CPR plus Motorist Awareness all await you to participate and unlock the resources that will make us all Safer, Smarter and ultimately leading to the maximum enjoyment that only someone who swings a leg over the seat can truly

know.

We look forward to seeing everyone at Buckner's for the 1st Official Georgia District event of 2014; Chilly Willy and Georgia District Officers Conference on January 18th.

Until next time, *Be Safe—
We'll See You On The Road!*

Roy & Julie



**Julie & Roy
Degler
Ride Educator**

A BUSY YEAR AHEAD

I hope this finds everyone starting the New Year well and happy. While trying to figure out where 2013 went, I came to the conclusion that riding the Gold Wing and spending time with good GWRRA friends can cause the year to go by quickly. I will be glad to do it again in 2014.

You might want to mark your calendars for these upcoming activities. The first event is Chilly Willy at Buckner's Restaurant on January 18, 2014 in Jackson, GA. Then on

February 15, off to Winder, GA for the GA-S Sweetheart Fun Day. The Florida District Convention in Kissimmee, Florida is scheduled for March 20-22. After Florida, we will be off to the Alabama District Convention on April 3-5 in Mobile, AL. On May 1-3 the South Carolina District Convention will be held in Florence, SC. In June we will be back to Dillard, GA on June 12-14 for Wing Fling. Bring your cowboy gear for the rodeo theme. Expect to have a great time!

We will skip a couple of months so you can visit your friends or do some riding in your local area. In September we will have the Southeast "Region A" Convention in Eufala, Alabama. October will be the last convention held on Oct. 16-18 in Gulfport, Mississippi.

Now you can understand how the year goes by so fast. So get out there, ride safe, have fun and if you get a chance, take the classes that GWRRA offers.

Jim & Kay

"Our hope is that you will take advantage of all the 'World Class' educational programs that make up GWRRA Rider Education!"



**Jim & Kay Elrod
Assistant
District Director
Vendor Coordinator**

CHAPTER FINANCIAL PAPERWORK

Chapter Directors and Chapter Treasurers: In preparation for your attendance at the 2014 Chilly Willy & Officer's Conference on January 18th,



here is a list of the items you should plan on bringing with you to turn in at the conference:

- Your 2013 December

- bank statement
- Your completed Financial Report Cover Sheet
- Your completed Financial Report

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JAUNUARY 2014

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						Travelers
12	13 GA- Q, T	14	15	16 GA-D2	17	18 GA-A, C2, I2, J
Wanderer						Chilly Willy & Officers Conf.
19	20 GA- O 	21	22	23 GA-H, L	24	25 GA-B2, E2
26	27	28	29	30	31	

See website for time and location of Chapter Gatherings. Please call before you visit to confirm date, time and location.

Georgia Traveler's Plaque: Chapter GA-D, captured the plaque from GA-T. The plaque will be given away on January 11th at their regular meeting at the Golden Corral, 2025 Market Place Blvd, Cumming, GA 30041. Eat at 10:00 AM, Meet at 11:00 AM

Region A Wanderer: Chapter GA-A captured the Region plaque from AL-Y. It will be given away on January 12th at Mike's Hamburger, 402 Hwy 155 N. McDonough, GA. Lunch 11:30 AM—1:00 PM. Plaque Registration 12 Noon—1:00 PM. Awarded at 1:30 PM.

Schedule of Events

- January 18, 2014—Chilly Willy and Officer's Conference, Buckner's Restaurant, Jackson, GA
- February 1, 2014—Officer Training, Forcyth, GA
- February 15, 2014—GA-S Sweetheart Fun Day, Winder, GA
- March 20-22—Florida District Convention/Rally, Kissimmee
- April 3-5—Alabama District Convention/Rally, Mobile.



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- Your completed Equipment List – if your chapter does not own equipment (totes, tubs, chairs, tables, etc.) please still sign/date, and write “NA” on the equipment form and turn it in with your other paperwork.

The Financial Report Cover Sheet, Financial Report (that you can now fill in on line and save to your computer) and the Equipment List form are all located on

the Region website at:

www.gwr-ra-regiona.org/officerpaperwork.shtml

As you know, all chapters have to file a 990n form with the Urban Institute annually. In the past, I have done these at the officer's conference for any chapters who requested it. To save time, I won't be doing them onsite this year, but I will be happy to still file your chapter's 990n for you. I need to hear from you specifically

whether you will be filing it or if you want me to so we don't duplicate effort. Also, if you are going to file for your chapter, you must email me a copy of the confirmation you receive from the Urban Institute that shows they have accepted your filing.

That's all for now. Have a Blessed New Year and I look forward to seeing you all in January at Buckner's!

Traci



Traci & Ken Thrasher
Treasure/
Newsletter Editor



Sid and Donna Cohen
Assistant District
Director/
Couple of the Year
Coordinator

DOES YOUR CHAPTER HAVE A SPECIAL COUPLE?

As we start 2014, we hope everyone had a fantastic holiday season and enjoyed many social events. With the New Year, we also hope that each chapter has selected a special couple as their Couple of the Year for 2014. Remember when selecting a Couple, **both** members need to be a current GWRRA Member. A mistake some new members make is when they join GWRRA they think or assume that their partner or co-rider is automatically signed

up as a member; if they don't check the family box, it won't happen. Another key point for your special couple to know is, being the Couple of the Year is not a position or responsibility; "it's an honor," an award for a job well done. As such, nothing really is expected of them in return. Just continue doing what they do for their chapter. We would like to have a current picture of each chapter couple of the year for the district website. It can be sent to

the District Webmaster at: webmaster@gwr-ra-ga.com

We will see you at Buckner's restaurant in Jackson, GA on January 18th for our annual Chilly Willy ride and officers conference.

Ride safe and often,

Sid & Donna

INTRODUCING GEORGIA'S 2014 COUPLE OF THE YEAR VANCE AND FERN OAKES!



**Georgia's 2014
Couple Of The
Year
Vance & Fern Oakes**

Vance is a retired Mechanical/Electrical Engineer and holds a Professional Engineer license in several states. He served in the Air Force from 1968 to 1975, and attained the rank of Staff Sgt (E-5). He has a daughter who lives near Atlanta and a step-son from a previous marriage who lives in Texas.

Fern is an accountant and Enrolled Agent. She retired in 2012 and does part time bookkeeping. She has 2 sons, one in

Tampa, and one in the San Francisco area.

Vance and Fern were married in 1996, and Fern joined GWRRA soon after that. They have 3 granddaughters and one grandson, ages 5 to 20.

Vance started riding motorcycles over 45 years ago, bought his first Gold Wing in 1989, and they are now riding their fourth one, a blue 2012.

Vance & Fern are members of the Community

Emergency Response Team in the county they live in. Vance is the Training Officer, and Fern is the Event Coordinator.

Vance & Fern have served in just about every capacity at the chapter level except for Chapter Director. They are now the Assistant Chapter Directors and the Newsletter Editors for Chapter S, who they now ride with after moving to Georgia from Texas in 2011.

Among our sick

Roy Degler's Mother, GA-A & District
Team

Joanna Self, GA-S

In Memory

Margaret Vaughn, GA-I2

Billy Hammock, Brother of Marsha McElhannon, GA-T

Kay Yuell's Mother

