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Director's Notes

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FRIENDS FOR FUN, SAFETY AND KNOWLEDGE

With Fall on the way it is time to get some riding in. The weather outlook for September and October is very good. The leaves in the very High mountains are starting to turn. It will be a great time for a leaf ride. Make your plans and get out and see the sites .

We had a great meeting in August with 31 members attending.

We had a great time on our Lunch ride to Cheddars with 10 members enjoying a very good meal and a great ride to Athens and back. The weather was nice for a great afternoon ride.

Our next meeting will be Oct 17th this will be our last regular meeting of the year, were did this year go. Nov. 21 will be our end of the year party ,it will be Quincy's in Toccoa starting at 6:30 pm . Please plan on bringing a gift for a Man or Lady. I will need a count at the October meeting so we can make plans.

Oct 29th -31st Region "A" Convention 2015, LAKEPOINT STATE PARK RESORT LODGE, Eufaula, AL.

November 14th Ga. District 2015 Wind-Down at the James E. Worrall Community, 1060 Keith Drive, Perry Ga. Hope to see you there.

Ride Safe and Enjoy Life.

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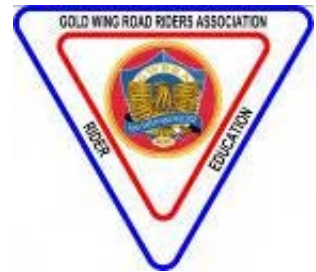


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Larry Crouse Chapter Rider Educator



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QUICK TIPS: General Guidelines For Riding A Motorcycle Safely

Be visible:

- Remember that motorists often have trouble seeing motorcycles and reacting in time.
- Make sure your headlight works and is on day and night.
- Use reflective strips or decals on your clothing and on your motorcycle.
- Be aware of the blind spots cars and trucks have.
- Flash your brake light when you are slowing down and before stopping.
- If a motorist doesn't see you, don't be afraid to use your horn.

Dress for safety:

- Wear a quality helmet and eye protection.
- Wear bright clothing and a light-colored helmet.
- Wear leather or other thick, protective clothing.
- Choose long sleeves and pants, over-the-ankle boots, and gloves.
- Remember – the only thing between you and the road is your protective gear.

Apply effective mental strategies:

- Constantly search the road for changing conditions. Use MSF's Search, Evaluate, Execute strategy (SEESM) to increase time and space safety margins.
- Give yourself space and time to respond to other motorists' actions.
- Give other motorists time and space to respond to you.
- Use lane positioning to be seen; ride in the part of a lane where you are most visible.
- Watch for turning vehicles.
- Signal your next move in advance.

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- Avoid weaving between lanes.
- Pretend you're invisible, and ride extra defensively.
- Don't ride when you are tired or under the influence of alcohol or other drugs.
- Know and follow the rules of the road, and stick to the speed limit.

Know your bike and how to use it:

- Get formal training and take refresher courses.
- Call 800.446.9227 or visit www.msf-usa.org to locate the Motorcycle Safety Foundation hands-on RiderCourseSM nearest you.
- Practice. Develop your riding techniques before going into heavy traffic. Know how to handle your bike in conditions such as wet or sandy roads, high winds, and uneven surfaces.

Remember: Give yourself space. People driving cars often just don't see motorcycles. Even when drivers do see you, chances are they've never been on a motorcycle and can't properly judge your speed.

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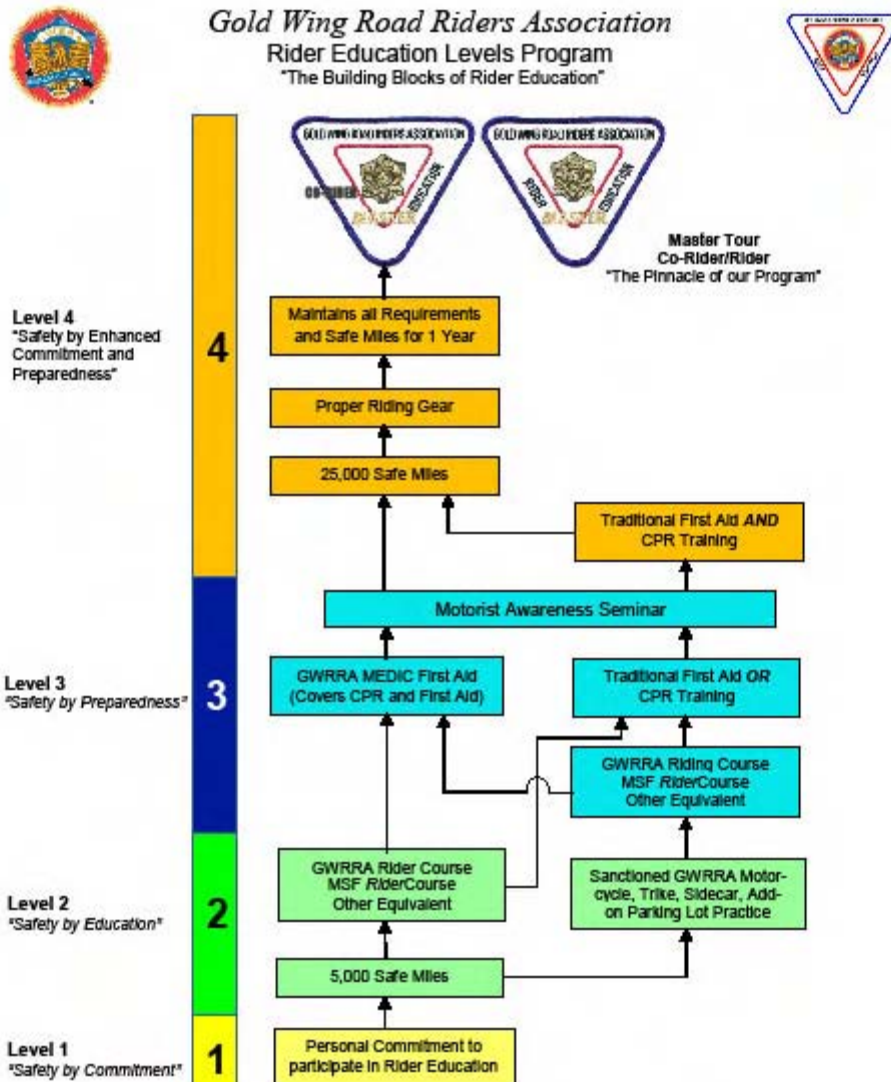
Rider Education



Seminars, and classes that are available at the Chapter Level.

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| 1. "Level Up" PPT Presentation | 9. "Dealing With Different Elements" |
| 2. Co-Rider Seminar | 10. Riding in the Heat |
| 3. Co-Rider-Two Seminar | 11. Night Riding ... |
| 4. Riding With New and/or Inexperienced Riders | 12. Motorcycle Crash Scene Response |
| 5. Motorcycling for Mature Riders | 13. High Side Scenarios |
| 6. Seasoned (Mature) Rider Supplement | 14. "Going, Going, Gone" |
| 7. Road Captain Course | 15. Trailering Seminar |
| 8. Team Riding Seminar | 16. Why_Motorist_Awareness_1_2013.ppt |
| | 17. "Think Motorcycles" ppt presentation |

View your Rider Ed Level accomplishments: http://re2.gwrra.org/login_mem.php



(Chart Available in the Clip Art Section of the Rider Education Website)



Jeanna Phillips Motorist Awareness

Ten Things All Car & Truck Drivers Should Know About Motorcycles

1

Over half of all fatal motorcycle crashes involve another vehicle. Most of the time, the motorist, not the motorcyclist, is at fault. There are a lot more cars and trucks than motorcycles on the road, and some drivers don't "recognize" a motorcycle - they ignore it (usually unintentionally).

2

Because of its small size, a motorcycle can be easily hidden in a car's blind spots (door/roof pillars) or masked by objects or backgrounds outside a car (bushes, fences, bridges, etc). Take an extra moment to look for motorcycles, whether you're changing lanes or turning at intersections.

3

Because of its small size, a motorcycle may look farther away than it is. It may also be difficult to judge a motorcycle's speed. When checking traffic to turn at an intersection or into (or out of) a driveway, predict a motorcycle is closer than it looks.

4

Motorcyclists often slow by downshifting or merely rolling off the throttle, thus not activating the brake light. Allow more following distance, say 3 or 4 seconds. At intersections, predict a motorcyclist may slow down without visual warning.

5

Motorcyclists often adjust position within a lane to be seen more easily and to minimize the effects of road debris, passing vehicles, and wind. Understand that motorcyclists adjust lane position for a purpose, not to be reckless or show off or to allow you to share the lane with them.

6

Turn signals on a motorcycle usually are not self-canceling, thus some riders (especially beginners) sometimes forget to turn them off after a turn or lane change. Make sure a motorcycle's signal is for real.

7

Maneuverability is one of a motorcycle's better characteristics, especially at slower speeds and with good road conditions, but don't expect a motorcyclist to always be able to dodge out of the way.

8

Stopping distance for motorcycles is nearly the same as for cars, but slippery pavement makes stopping quickly difficult. Allow more following distance behind a motorcycle because it can't always stop "on a dime."

9

When a motorcycle is in motion, see more than the motorcycle - see the person under the helmet, who could be your friend, neighbor, or relative.

10

If a driver crashes into a motorcyclist, bicyclist, or pedestrian and causes serious injury, the driver would likely never forgive himself/herself.



Dress Loud & Ride Proud

Gold Wing Road Riders Association

September Birthdays

- 12th Genie Deaton
- 14th Jeanna Phillips
- 19th Joel Deaton



Congratulations
Couple of the Year (COY) 2015



September Anniversaries

28th Doris & Rob Dougher



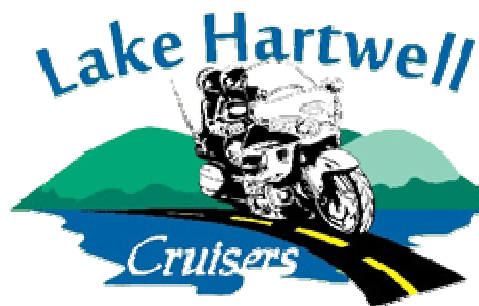
Congratulations to Jane & Paul
Moricz for being selected as
Chapter I-2's Couple of the Year
2015 (COY).

CONCERNS

- ♣ .Debbie Posey is recovering from Carpal and Cubital Tunnel Syndrome surgery on her left arm. This was outpatient surgery performed on Sept. 2nd by Athens Orthopedic Clinic.
- ♣ Linda Watkins had quite a scare recently. She was diagnosed with pulmonary embolisms (clots in the lungs). She is now on blood thinner and hopefully this will solve the problem. She says she's doing better.
- ♣ Roy Degler, former Georgia District Rider Educator, will be having minimally invasive" surgery of the abdomen at Emory University Hospital in Atlanta, GA this Friday, Sept. 18th. Keep Roy, and Julie in your thoughts, and prayers, while wishing Roy a speedy recovery.
- ♣ Anne Reed, Region A Co-Senior Rider Educator, has been in the hospital since the 14th, as a result from a TIA.. A TIA is what the doctors refer to as a "minor" stroke. Tests run late afternoon yesterday the 14th weren't conclusive, and she will have more, including an MRI this AM the 15th. Chuck will keep us updated.



Chapter I-2 Mascots
Bucky & Cupcake Blacksheep





Up Coming Events For 2015



- 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 11:00 Am.
- Jan 24 Chapter I-2's Gathering for this month only will be the 4th Saturday vs. the 3rd Sat. at Shoney's. Eat at 11am, Meeting 12-1pm. This change was necessary due to the "Officers Conference" on the 17th.
- Jan 17 "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.
- Feb 14 Chapter S "Sweetheart Fun Day". Midway Christian Church, 1406 Hog Mountain Road, Winder, GA.
- Feb 21 Chapter I-2 Gathering at "Shoney's". Eat at 11am, Meeting 12-1pm. I-2 Co-Rider, and Co-Rider Plus training Seminars will be held after our monthly gathering at Line Fire Dept.
- Feb 28 We'll deliver the District **Hot-Potato** to Chapter E-2, Pooler, Ga. We will need to leave Lavonia at 10:30 am.
- March 21 Chapter I-2 Gathering at "Shoney's". Eat at 11am, Meeting 12-1pm.
- March 24 We will be visiting Chapter R, "Sidelines Grille", 147 Reinhardt College Parkway, Canton, Ga Tuesday, March 24th. We'll leave Lavonia at 3:30 pm. Hope some of you can make plans to go and visit them.
- March 28 Chapter I-2 Lunch Ride to "Vanna Country BBQ". Meet at 10:30, leave at 11:00 am from Lavonia Exxon, or join us at "Vanna Country BBQ", Hwy 17S, Vanna, GA at 11:30am.
- April 18 We'll not have our regular Chapter I-2 Gathering at "Shoney's" this month. Instead we will visit Chapter T for their Fun-Day. Leave Lavonia Exxon at 9:00am.
- April 18 GA Chapter T's fun-day at Blacks Creek Baptist Church 3754 Blacks Creek Church Road Commerce, GA 10am until 1pm.
- April 25 Chapter I-2 Lunch or Dinner Ride, Location and Times to be decided.
- April 25 Visitation to GA Chapter B for their "Fun-Day" being held at Red Top Mountain State Park & Lodge, 50 Lodge Road Southeast, Cartersville, GA 30121. Some of us may go over there on Friday and spend the night let me know if you would like to make it a weekend trip.
- May 16 Chapter I-2 Gathering at "Shoney's". Eat at 11am, Meeting 12-1pm.
- May 23 Memorial Day "Motorist Awareness" campaign at the "Georgia / South Carolina I-85 Welcome Center".

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- May 23 Chapter I-2 Dinner Ride, following the “Motorist Awareness” campaign, Location T.B.A.
- June 2 Ga Chapter S visitation, and “HOT TATER” delivery.
- June 18-20 **2015 Georgia District Convention; “GoldWing Dynasty Wing Fling- It’s a Family Thang”.** "River Vista Mountain Village", 20 River Vista Drive, Dillard GA 30537.
- June 27 Chapter I-2 Lunch or Dinner Ride, Location and Times to be decided.
- July 9-11 **"Wings Over The Smokies 32"**. The rally for 2015 will be held on July 9th-11th, 2015 in Cherokee, NC. It will be at the "Acquoni Expo Center", 1501 Acquoni Road, Cherokee, NC.
- July 10 Chapter Ride to **“Wings Over The Smokies”**. It will be at the "Acquoni Expo Center", 1501 Acquoni Road, Cherokee, NC. We will leave Lavonia Exxon At 8:00 am. Come ready to ride.
- July 17 Chapter I-2 day-ride to **SC District Rally, 2015**. Civic Center of Anderson, SC. Leave Exxon at 9:00am.
- July 18 Chapter I-2 Gathering at “Shoney's”. Eat at 11am, Meeting 12-1pm
- August 15 Chapter I-2 Gathering at “Shoney's”. Eat at 11am, Meeting 12-1pm.
- August 22 Chapter I-2 Lunch or Dinner Ride, Location and Times to be decided.
- Sept. 3-6 **Wing Ding 37** at the "VonBraun Center" Huntsville, Alabama.
- Sept. 19 Chapter I-2 Gathering at “Shoney's”. Eat at 11am, Meeting 12-1pm.



Florida District Convention, Kissimmee	March 19-21
Alabama District Convention, Eufaula	May 14-16
South Carolina District Convention, Anderson	July 16-18
Georgia District Convention, Dillard	June 18-20
Wing Ding 37, Huntsville, AL	Sept. 3-6
Region "A" Convention, Eufaula, AL	October 28-31

- Sept 26 Chapter I-2 Lunch or Dinner Ride, Location and Times to be decided.
- October 17 Chapter I-2 Gathering at “Shoney's”. Eat at 11am, Meeting 12-1pm.
- October 24 CPR/First-Aid Recertification, Line Fire Department, 545 Pleasant hill Cr., Martin, GA 8:30am.
Our monthly Lunch-ride will follow the Class.
- October 28-31 **Region "A" Convention, LAKEPOINT STATE PARK RESORT LODGE, Eufaula, AL.**
- November 14 **Ga District 2015 Wind Down**, James E. Worrall Community Center, 1060 Keith Drive, Perry Ga.
- **No Chapter I-2 Gathering at “Shoney's” for November and December.**
- **November 21** Chapter I-2 "End of Year 2015 Celebration". Same location and time as last year: **“Quincy's of Toccoa”**, 605 Big A Rd, Toccoa, GA, 7:00 until 9:00.pm.



Chapter Classifieds Bike & Non-Bike Items

Updated: September 16, 2015

1. For sale 2004 Honda Goldwing with Champion Trike, 71,000 kit, CB, Diamond Seat, LED lights, driver and passenger footrest, and more. 2 Nolan Helmets. 2001 Black Escapade trailer. All, always garaged kept. \$20,000.00. See photo below. Contact Mike at (706) 202-4535.
2. Goldwing 1500 SE 25th anniversary edition 2000. One owner, Must sell can not ride two bikes. Asking \$7,000.00 well maintained and have the records. I have a complete list of every thing that has been added and recent prevented maintenance also pictures upon request. Contact Sid Cohen @ [706-340-5737](tel:706-340-5737) or E-mail cateringby-cohen@gmail.com.



2. Since we sold my bike we don't need all those extra parts we have from Phil's bike when we converted it into a Trike. See below, Thanks, Linda.

2008 GoldWing; Complete Back End, Swing Arm. Set of Perfect WHITE Saddle Bags. Mounted Back Wheel with New Tire, and New Front Tire. Tires are Shinko Brand. Asking \$200 for all of this. Call Phil at 770-561-3376 or email at philatco@windstream.net

3. 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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September 2015



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October 2015



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11	Columbus Day ♦ United Stat Arthur Seavey's Birthday • 12	Phil & Linda Palmer An... 13	Arthur & Lucy Seavey's ... 14	Mississippi District Rally ♦ Gulfport, MS ♦ 15		16 ▶ 11:00AM - 1:00PM Chapter 1-2 Monthly Gathering (Shoney's, Lavonia, Ga.) ▶ 4:00PM - 7:00PM Ronnie & Debbie's Wedding Day! (STAGHORN CHAPEL, Nichelson,GA, and Redd...
18	19	Larry Crouses' Birthday • 20	21	22	23	24 Chapter I-2 Lunch or... ♦ Lc ▶ 8:30AM - 12:00PM CPR/ First-Aid Recertification (Line Fire Department, 545 Pleasant hill Cr., Martin, GA)
25	26	27	28	Region "A" Convention 2... ♦ LAKEPOINT STATE PARK RESORT LODGE, Eufaul... 29		30 Halloween ♦ United States ♦ 31



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GEORGIA DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

September 2015

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Do You Know Why We Have A District Team?

Yellow shirts! Oh no! The District is visiting—what did we do! No, that is not what you should think when District Team members visit. Yes, we sometimes are asking your chapter to do things. We sell tickets, tell you about the rallies, encourage you to visit, but we really are there to assist and encourage your chapters to flourish and grow.

The District Rally is probably the biggest thing that takes up our time. It is a lot of work, takes a lot of money to present, and takes a lot of the Team's time. We do it for you--so you can have a fun time each year! This year's rally is in Dalton, Georgia at the Dalton Convention Center, and we have a lot of fun planned. We have planned games, 50/25/25, riding poker runs, mountain rides, escorted and unescorted, prizes, lots of vendors, a fun corner so you don't get bored, and Rapunzel's tower so you can lock up your friends, not to mention the Rider Education and Leadership Training going on lead by Frank and Melinda Brothers, our new District Rider Educators, and our District Leadership Trainers, Jim and Dee Allen. Yes, we do this to raise funds for the rally. The cost is a whole lot more than you would ever dream and we do appreciate your support.

We also rent a center in Perry, Georgia and put on Wind Down in November. This is where we select our District Couple of the Year. Come on down for free lunch, games and 50/25/25. Come and support our couples please.

Our next major event is Chilly Willy in January. Chapter B2 has Chilly Willy, who goes to the largest chapter in attendance. Come get him! We will have dinner at Buckner's again and the Officers Conference follows the Chilly Willy, so be there and learn what is going on with your District.

Okay, we have the Rally, Wind Down, and Chilly Willy. Well, that is not all. Our Assistant District Directors signed an MOU saying they would visit their respective chapters twice a year. Some do more. That takes a lot of time and effort, not to mention funds. Please support their efforts. They do this to support you, the Chapters,



Larry & Pamela Clemmer
Georgia District Directors

and find out what you may need to help support your chapter. If you have a visitor from District, let them know what you need. We can help.

As the District Directors, we have plans to increase recruitment. We think this is important if GWRR is to survive. We have a good team and hope to work with our chapters to come up with great ideas, which I know you have out there, to increase participation and membership. Yes, we need you to sell our tickets, go to our rally, come to Perry and Buckner's, but most of all we need to work together to keep GWRR vital and be able to continue to improve our events year after year.

Please let your District Team member know what you need and give them your ideas. We can work together. Hope this gives you an idea of what you District Team does. Thank you for your support,

Larry and Pamela Clemmer
Georgia District Directors

**LOOKING
FORWARD TO
SEEING YOU AT
WING DING IN
HUNTSVILLE, AL.**

Keep Yourself Hydrated In The Hotter Fall Months

Well everyone, here is August and the weather is not letting us down. They say August is the hottest month, and they sure got that right.

I know you all have heard over and over that when the heat is up, you need to hydrate. Well, this is very true, because dehydration can sneak up on you before you know it. It's really hard to get back to being hydrated again. So please, when you are out there riding, be careful and watch out for your friends.

Have fun, ride safe and learn.

Jim and Kay Elrod

Assistant District Directors North



Jim & Kay Elrod
Asst. District Directors North

Volunteer! Volunteer! Volunteer!

I would like to thank everyone for their support during our first month as District Membership Enhancement Coordinators. Many thanks to Dick Hopkins for making sure I had all of what I needed to get me off to a successful start.

Having served as Chapter MEC for several years, I realize the importance of the position. Being a Chapter Director, I realized that a chapter needs this position filled.

There are several chapters that do not have an MEC, and it would be great if a chapter member would volunteer to take on this task. Chapter Directors already have a big job, and must take on the duties of the MEC if no member volunteers. Therefore, I am encouraging members to step up and volunteer for the MEC position if your chapter does not have one.

You may ask "What do I get out of volunteering for the MEC position for the chapter?". Well, for starters, you get to talk about your favorite past time, motorcycling. Second, you may be the first contact a new or prospective member has with GWRRA, so a new friendship is formed. As a seasoned member of GWRRA, you get to show off your knowledge and promote the fun your



Norman & Wendy Morton
Membership Enhancement
Coordinators



chapter has. With that being said, VOLUNTEER! VOLUNTEER! VOLUNTEER!

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WINGERS-AND-WAVES
INVITATION

You're invited to attend a large cruise event called WINGERS-N-WAVES. The GWRRA Georgia District is a sponsor of WINGERS-N-WAVES and 17 states joined the 2015 event. The official website is <http://www.wingersnwaves.com>. Read testimonials and see full event details.

BUILDING LEADERS

Leadership is learned behavior that becomes automatic over time. For example, leaders can make several important decisions about an issue in the time it takes others to understand the question. The most successful leaders are instinctual decision makers. Having done it so many times throughout their careers, they become immune to the pressure associated with decision making and extremely intuitive about the process of making the most strategic and best decisions. This is why most leaders will tell you they depend strongly upon their "gut-feelings" when making difficult decisions at a moment's notice.

Here are a few things you can do to be a successful leader:

1. Make Others Feel Safe to Speak-Up

Many times leaders intimidate members with their title and when they walk into a room. Successful leaders deflect attention away from themselves and encourage others to voice their opinions. They make it easy for others to feel safe to speak-up and confidently share their perspectives and points of view.

2. Make Decisions

Successful leaders are decision makers. They focus on "making things happen" at all times – decision making activities that sustain progress.

3. Communicate Expectations

Successful leaders are good communicators. They remind their members of the chapters goals– ensuring that their vision produces the desired endpoint. I had a boss that managed the office by reminding us of the expectations that she had for us. She made it easy for us to stay focused and on track. By clearly communicating expectations we were able to buy in to the situation and produce the desirable result.

4. Challenge People to Think

The most successful leaders understand their members mindsets. They challenge their members to think and stretch them to reach for more.

7. Measure & Reward Performance

Great leaders are active in acknowledging hard work and efforts (no matter the result). Successful leaders never take their members for granted and are mindful of rewarding them.

GWRRA provides modules for Leadership Training that would cost thousands if presented by a business. Presenting these modules for you, at no cost, encourages participants in the Chapters to step forward and use the skills they possess to help others succeed. With that in mind, we challenge you, chapters and participants alike, to call or email and let us know if we can provide classes for you.

Jim and Dee Allen

District Leadership Trainers

11 Georgia Laws Drivers Don't Know Exist

By Lauren McDonald / Morris News Service • Savannahnow.com

ATLANTA -- Sometimes, drivers in Georgia get pulled over because they were breaking a law they just didn't know about.

Police understand that drivers are less aware of certain laws, as those are the ones they see broken often.

Here are a few laws that police say many drivers seem not to know exist:

1. You can be pulled over for going the speed limit.

Last year, Georgia passed the "Slowpoke Law," which requires that drivers in the left lane on a Georgia highway, interstate or expressway must move over if a faster car approaches them. Slow drivers cannot linger in the left lane, even if doing the speed limit.

2. You must move over one lane not just for police cars, but also for assistance vehicles and garbage trucks.

Under Georgia's "Move-Over Law," drivers must move-over for emergency vehicles stopped on the side of the highway. This includes police vehicles, Department of Transportation Highway Emergency Response Operator vans and garbage trucks.

"People have been moving over for the blue lights, but not for amber lights," said Cpl. Guy Fedak, with the Savannah-Chatham police. "The law applies to all emergency vehicles and HERO wrecker services with the yellow lights."

Georgia passed the law in the aftermath of growing numbers of police, emergency technicians and DOT workers being killed during routine traffic stops, crash responses and highway constructions projects across the nation. More than 30 states have move-over laws.

If heavy traffic will not allow you to move over, the law says you should slow down to 10 miles per hour below the speed limit.

And this year, Georgia added to the law, requiring drivers to move over for garbage trucks as well.

"The whole idea is try to let everybody move over one lane, so no one's having to worry about their safety," said Guy Young, vice president of the Georgia Motor Trucking Association.

3. It's illegal to use the center lane to merge into traffic.

The center lane cannot be legally used for any purposes besides making a left turn. Drivers should not enter the center lane before they are 300 feet from the location where they will turn left, per Georgia law.

"Drivers often will use the center lane to merge into traffic, or they will enter it well before they legally can," Fedak said. "The laws says that it only be used to make left

turns, and you can't be in the center lane more than 300 feet. You can't use it as a merge lane."

4. You can legally drive without wearing shoes. But you cannot wear headphones.

Waits said many Georgians believe the law forbids driving without shoes on. That's false.

"The law that most people think exists about driving barefoot - it never has existed in Georgia," said Vidalia Police Chief Frank Waits.

It is, however, illegal to drive with headphones in both of your ears.

"You can wear in one ear, but not in both ears," Waits said.

5. Neither the driver nor the passenger can have an open alcoholic beverage.

"People do not know it's illegal to drive with an open beer or drink," Waits said. "The driver knows they know can't, but the passenger doesn't know they can't either."

6. No part of your tag can be obstructed from view.

Drivers will often cover their tags with illegal frames or covers, often in an attempt to foil cameras designed to catch running red lights and speeding.

Fedak said before you buy a tag frame or cover, check that it will not illegally obstruct the view of the tag.

In Georgia, the entire tag must be clear and unobstructed, a law he said is unique to Georgia.

7. A bicycle classifies as a vehicle.

"A lot of people don't realize that a bicycle under the Georgia law is considered a vehicle, and the law requires that bicyclists follow the same laws a vehicle do," Fedak said.

This includes stopping at red lights and riding on the correct side of the road.

8. You have to turn your headlights on in the rain (and shouldn't rely on your auto-lights).

Georgia law requires car headlights to be turned on when it's raining. But often people will rely on their automatic lights, which do not turn on the rear lights as well.

"You still have to turn your headlights on because it illuminates your front and rear lights," Fedak said. "Even though you have daytime driving lights, you have nothing on in the back."

9. If all the traffic lights go out at an intersection, the law requires drivers to treat it as a four-way stop.

When the traffic lights are not working at an intersection, drivers must treat it as a four-way stop. Meaning right-of-way goes to whoever comes to the stop first.

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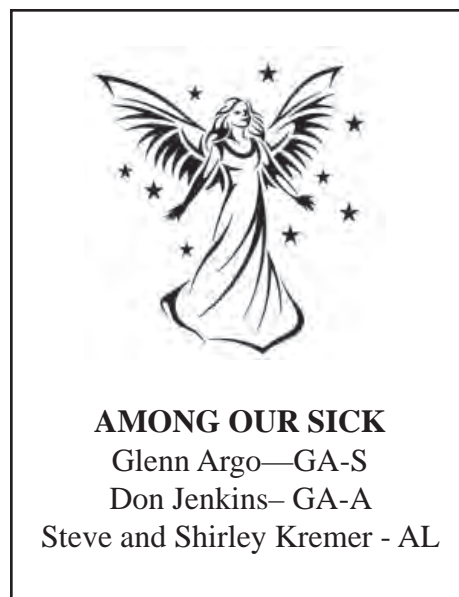
highway, they have the right-of-way," Fedak said. "But the law says you have to treat it as a four way stop."

10. It's illegal to text in a car - even if the car is stopped.

It's illegal to text while driving in Georgia. And because the law does not specify if the vehicle must be moving, then drivers should also refrain from texting when stopped at a traffic light or stop sign.

11. It's also illegal for drivers under the age of 18 to use a cell phone at all.

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AMONG OUR SICK

Glenn Argo—GA-S

Don Jenkins—GA-A

Steve and Shirley Kremer - AL

Assistant Region Directors Appointed

I'm pleased to announce that Tommy and Vicky Martin, Former Georgia District Directors, have accepted the position of Southeast Region 'A' Assistant Region Directors....pending documentation. Yep, Tommy and Vicky will be part of the Region 'A' Staff and will assist in many facets of running the Region. Because of their vast experience and knowledge as Former District Directors, they will be available not only to the Operations side of the Region, but available to assist Rider Education, Membership Enhancement, Leadership Training and/or any Division in the Region. Their first assignment will be to assist in managing the Ticket and Poker Run Stations during Wing Ding which is

coming around the corner like a freight-train coming down a long grade without brakes! Of course they will be very involved at the SE Region 'A' Rally in October as well. Please join me in welcoming Tommy and Vicky and congratulating them for accepting this very important position. Of course if you have ever had the pleasure of tasting one of Vicky's very large (7-Layer) "home-made" cakes or her "home-made" jelly you would completely understand this appointment...just messing with you Vicky. We are excited to have ya'll on the Region 'A' Staff.

Jim Jackson
Region "A" Director

CONGRATULATIONS!
Newton and Trisha Landrum have been appointed as Chapter B Directors. Newton and Trisha conducted their first gathering on August 8th.

Buddy and Brenda Jones
are also taking over as Chapter Directors for Chapter K and have already assumed their duties.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR COUPLES OF THE YEAR!

International —
Jon & Barb Pons

Region A—
Dewey & Alice Cole

GA-A—Gary & Juanita Rackley
GA-B—Paul Loeser & Geraldine Duenas
GA-B2—Dick & Gail Cross
GA-D—Joel & Jenny Reasons
GA-F2—Randy & Georgia Moore
GA-I2—Paul & Jane Moricz
GA-J—Dave & Judy Hurd
GA-L—Murry & Dawn Cail
GA-O—Barry & Barbara Owens
GA-S—Craig & Pat Whitehouse
GA-T—Tommy & Vicky Martin

MAKE YOUR PLANS NOW!

WIND DOWN - Nov. 14, 2015

Opening at 10:00AM

Perry Parks and Recreation Building
James E. Worrall Community Center
1060 Keith Drive, Perry, Georgia 31069

CHILLY WILLY - Jan. 16, 2016

Registration 10:00AM • Meal at 11:00AM

Officers Conference 1PM
Buckner's Family Restaurant
1168 Bucksnot Rd, Jackson, GA 30233

SEPTEMBER 2015

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
		1 GA-S	2	3 GA-T	4	5 GA-F2
6	7	8	9	10 GA-K,M	11	12 GA-B,D
13	14 GA-Q	15	16	17 GA-D2	18	19 GA-A, C2, I2, J
20	21 GA-O	22	23	24 GA-H, L, R	25	26 GA-B2, E2
27	28	29	30			

Georgia Traveler's Plaque:
Chapter GA-A captured the Georgia Traveler's Plaque from GA-T! It will be given away at their Fun Day on September 12th. See their website for more information!

The Georgia Hot Potato—Was last seen with at Georgia Q in Warner Robins. Look out for the Hot Potato! You could be the next in line!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wing Ding
September 3rd – 6th, 2015

Chapter A Treerific Fun Day
September 12th, 2015

Chapter Q's Dessert Auction
October 3rd, 2015

Mississippi Rally
October 15th-17th, 2015

Region A Rally
October 29th - 31th, 2015

Wind Down
November 14th, 2015

Chapters frequently have had changes in meeting locations and time. The District website (www.gwrra-ga.com) also posts times and locations of Chapter Gatherings. As always, call before you visit to confirm date, time and location.