



# Chapter I-2



**GWRR  
LAVONIA, GA**

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## Director's Notes

As Chapter I-2 starts its second year, we have a lot of new things to look forward to in 2011. We are in the process of planning several rides and events. One that we have planned is the Rider Education Day, on May 14, at the First Baptist Church in Lavonia. This will be a great time to sharpen your riding skills and to attend some Rider's Ed. Seminars. It takes a lot of planning to get this type of training set up, so please take this opportunity and attend these classes.

The first Federal Funded check points, dubbed Road Side Motorcycle Safety Check Points, will be launched by the GA Dept. of Public Safety. Via a NHTSA Grant to the GA State Patrol. NHTSA has implemented the check point funding plan despite being asked by members of Congress, not to fund this program until the merits were explained. NHTSA has requested applications from Law enforcement agencies across the country, to conduct safety checks, that specifically target motorcyclists to pull aside for a lengthy inspection of the vehicle, equipment and paperwork. Be sure if you get stopped that you have the right license, insurance card, and tag receipt, with you at all times. We will keep you informed as new information comes available.

**RIDE SAFE!!!!**

### Ronnie & Karen Lewis 2011 Couple of the Year

Ha Ya'll, I am Ronnie Lewis and my lovely wife, Karen. We met on a blind date at Toccoa Bowling Alley. At the end of our date, I kissed her goodnight, and I knew I wanted to spend the rest of my life with her. On October 1, 2004, I married my soul mate, my best friend. Six years later we are still very happily married. Karen has a son, Dalton 20, and a daughter Kaylia 18, and I have a son Cody 18. We are very proud of our children. I work in Greenville, S.C. at Metromont Prestress in the Q.C. Department. Worked there for 17 years. My wife graduated from Georgia Institute of Cosmetology. She has been a Master Cosmetologist for 18 years. She also has a degree in Cake decorating and Catering. She does this on the side.

I came home from work one day and she met me at the door, "Look, you are a GWRR member now." and I said "Okay, what is that?" I did not know what I was getting into!! In 2008, we didn't go to any meetings, but about the middle of 2009, we found out about Chapter T in Athens, GA.. After about 3 meetings, I met Frank Brothers through a good friend on a ride and he had a Wing too. I talked him into going to a meeting in Athens with me and Karen. After a few meetings, we were coming home and it was late, we started talking about starting up a Chapter in Lavonia, because of the distance to drive to Athens. I said "cool! Let's do it" So in 2010, we started Chapter I-2 in Lavonia. Karen and I are the Assistant Chapter Directors. We have lots of fun and have met a lot of new friends through GWRR and we thank you for that. We call them our new "FAMILY"

After a year of fun and hard work, we were selected as the 2011 Couple of the Year.

We are going to do our best to honor our Chapter. We plan to visit a lot of other Chapters in Georgia and surrounding states when we can, and invite them to come and have fun and visit our chapter. We are really proud of what we have done in GWRR Chapter I-2. I could keep talking but Frank said I had to stop. I look forward to meeting all of you one day.

So Have Fun, Ride Safe, and I hope you get all the knowledge that we have tried to share over this past year in GWRR Chapter I-2.

**RIDE PROUD AND DRESS LOUD !!!!!**

Ronnie & Karen Chapter I-2 2011 Couple of the Year



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# Trip Planning ? Plan the gear too!!

By

Larry Crouse Chapter I-2 Educator



So what have you been thinking about this winter? Have you been thinking about the gray skies, the rain, sleet or snow of the season? And how about the freezing temperatures? These are not very cheerful thoughts for those of us who are not winter sports enthusiasts. Some riders brighten their outlook at this time of year by planning for the coming riding season. A few of us are deciding which motorcycling events to attend this spring and summer. Will it be the Americade rally in upstate New York? Maybe this year you are planning to attend Wing Ding? How about a vacation trip to an area with great roads to ride or interesting geological attractions to see? Whatever your destination, planning the route to take is an important part of trip planning. However, don't overlook the need to plan the gear you will need to take with you on each of your trips. However, don't overlook the need to plan the gear you will need to take with you on each of your trips. Having the proper gear for the ride is an essential element of a successful trip.

So why not start with your most important safety gear? Inspect your helmet for wear and tear. How long has it been since you bought your helmet? Does the outer shell have chips or cracks? Has it sustained an impact while you were wearing it? Has it been repeatedly dropped from your motorcycle seat? Realize that helmets are only designed to survive one impact while being worn. Also look at the chin strap. Is it frayed from many years of wear? These signs of damage indicate that it may be time to replace your helmet. Experts advise changing your helmet every 3 to 5 years for maximum protection. Time, wear and ultraviolet rays will cause your helmet's materials to degrade resulting in reduced protection. ([www.snellfoundation.org](http://www.snellfoundation.org))

Are you planning a southern tour this summer? Have you thought to check the weather for the area you plan to visit? Be sure you know what the average high and low temperatures are for the month of your visit. If you expect to encounter hot weather, this may be the time for you to start shopping for a mesh jacket if you don't already own one. These jackets give you the best abrasion protection (if needed) along with maximum ventilation. Good ventilation reduces your discomfort in hot weather and can help prevent heat exhaustion. Even though they have long sleeves, when you wear a mesh jacket the air flows around you almost as if you are wearing nothing. And the synthetic materials provide excellent abrasion resistance. With elbow, shoulder and back pads included, you get great protection for your "corners" and your back in case you go down.

Wise riders always wear long pants while riding. Most riders wear denim jeans. This is probably because they are already part of everyone's wardrobe to begin with, and they are comfortable when you are not on the bike. They do provide some resistance to abrasion, but not anywhere near the protection of leather or the synthetic gear. Did you know there are also riding pants made from breathable mesh materials, too? They bring all the benefits of being designed specifically for motorcycling with extra protection at the knees, hips, and legs in case of a spill at speed. The mesh material can also help keep you from getting uncomfortably hot. And there are gloves manufactured with the same mesh materials to protect your hands as well. They provide you with a good grip on the controls while keeping your hands fully covered for maximum protection. They are durable and worth checking out for your comfort and protection.

Can you rely on your current rain gear? Does your rain gear have leaky seams or rips? Do you need to put a new jacket or rain pants on the shopping list? Having good, comfortable gear that fits you properly for all riding conditions will allow you to fix your attention on the ride and not on your physical discomforts. This will also help ensure that you will have a great trip. And knowing that you and your co-rider have the protection you may need will give you peace of mind every time you saddle up. Now, which route do we want to take?

# Police Stop, Now What Do I Do?

By Ron & Kathy Jackson, Senior Chapter Educators  
FL I-M (Clearwater, FL)



**W**e know that none of us would ever do anything while riding our motorcycle that would cause a Police Officer to pull us over. What if the Police Officer pulls you over for a burned out light bulb or similar issue? What should you do when you are stopped? There are several things that are clear cut and others that are not.

It is imperative that you find a safe spot to pull off the highway. Be sure to signal and slow down to let the Officer know that you are not attempting to flee. Just because an area maybe safe for a four wheeled vehicle does not make it safe for us. There may be a significant drop off to the shoulder and this could cause us to crash. Another hazard may be debris on the shoulder that could create an unsafe condition. We don't have a lot of steep drop-offs in Florida, but in many other states the shoulders will slope severely from the traffic lane and it may create a hazard in stopping, especially those with shorter legs.

Common sense would dictate that if you are carrying a concealed weapon, you will want to inform the Officer before he/she inadvertently finds it and takes unnecessary actions. You will need to provide information to the location of the firearm and they will ask to see your permit.

Do not get off of your motorcycle and start rummaging through your saddlebags, trunk, or even a storage bag. The Police Officer does not know what you are doing and may assume that you are searching for a weapon. Stay on your motorcycle and turn the ignition off. This will indicate that you are not going to attempt to run away. Some Officers prefer that you put the motorcycle on the kickstand while others prefer that you balance the motorcycle. While you are balancing the motorcycle it is difficult to get into a position where you could attack the Officer. When the motorcycle is on the side stand it is difficult to make a get-away.

Do not remove your helmet as this could be used as a weapon. The Officer's prefer that the helmet remains on. You may need to remove it at some point, but make sure that the Officer knows the reason that mandates that you remove it.

Be sure and inform the Officer that you need to access a compartment to show your driver's license, owner's card, etc. This allows the Officer to know what you are searching for and the location. They will position themselves so that they can maintain visual on you and also see within the compartment to ensure you are not reaching for a weapon.

If the Officer asks you to dismount the motorcycle, they may request that you get off on the right side. This is not normal for us, but they might request this to prevent you from being injured by traffic. The optimum is to not be pulled over, but if you are, be prepared and NOT confrontational.



## Birthdays

January

10th Larry Watkins

February

11th Pete Belk

14th Smithy Ellis

18th Ronnie Vaughn

## ANNIVERSARIES

February

17th Joe & Judy Hand



## Up Coming Events



### Dinner Ride

Jan. 21,2011 Booty's Fish House  
Royston 7 P.M. we will meet there.

Feb. 12, 2011

### Sweetheart Poker Run

Chapter S, Winder , Ga.

Midway Christian Church

1406 Hog Mountain Rd. Hwy 53

Winder, Ga. 30680

10 a.m. To 2 p.m.

Feb. 19, 2011

Chapter I-2 Gathering at  
Shoney's Eat at 11 am Meet at  
12 noon

May 14 All Day

Rider Education Day

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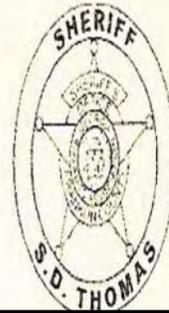
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## GWRRRA Ga. Chapter I-2

Today

January 2011

Print Week Month Agenda

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve	Jan 1 New Year's Day
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 Larry Watkins Birth	11	12	13	14	15 11am Chapter I-2 Me
16	17 Martin Luther King	18	19	20	21 7pm Dinner Ride Bo	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 Officer Conference
30	31	Feb 1	2 Groundhog Day	3	4	5



## GWRRRA Ga. Chapter I-2

Today

February 2011

Print Week Month Agenda

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	Feb 1	2 Groundhog Day	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11 Pete Belk Birthday	12 Lincoln's Birthday
13	14 Smitty Ellis Birthda Valentine's Day	15	16	17 Joe & Judy Hand A	18 Ronnie Vaughn's B	19 11am Chapter I-2 Me
20	21 Washington's Birth	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	Mar 1	2	3	4	5