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Spring is just around the corner, maybe the weather will be changing for the better soon. Then we can start to ride more.

February was a busy month. We had 33 at our gathering and 26 in the Horizons Class. This turned out to be a great class. I think that having the class on Friday night and Saturday was a good change in what has been done in the past. If you missed this class, you missed having a lot of fun.

Our Dinner Ride to Down Home Cooking in Danielsville on March 3rd with 15 members attending. The food was very good and the prices were great. If you are in Danielsville and need to eat, stop by and try them out, I think you will like them.

Next Dinner Ride will be to Clarkesville. We will be going bowling at the Old Mill in Clarkesville, at 3 p.m. on March 24. We will then eat at 5 p.m. at Hog Wild Barbeque, 515 Grant Street, Clarkesville, GA 30523. If you don't want to go bowling, just meet us at Hog Wild at 5 p.m. for Dinner.

Next Gathering will be April 21st, at Shoney's. If you have any rides you want to go on, please let us know. You do not have to lead the ride, just let us know where you want to go and we will try to get you there.

Don't forget ARC Class on May 5th, I need your registration fee ASAP.

As always, Ride Safe !!!

Frank





How Are You Starting the Riding Season?

Larry Crouse Chapter Educator

Winter is finally gone, so let the riding season begin! Maybe you have recently taken a CPR/First Aid class or a seminar or two during this past off-season. This means you are better prepared to help in case one of your riding buddies has an accident or a health issue, or you are prepared to be a better co-rider. Now you are available to spend more time riding now that the season is here. Hopefully you have also taken time to make sure your motorcycle is ready to go, too. You may have done a T-CLOCS, or changed the oil, replaced worn tires, kept your battery charged, or discovered that you needed a new one and replaced it.

There are other things that you can do to be at your best out on the road, too. Many of us will be out on the road before MSF or GWRRA Rider Courses are offered. So what else can you do to get in the right frame of mind and tune up your skills right away? There are a few things you can do as an individual or in a group (such as with your fellow chapter members) to be prepared to ride safely and with skill before the season is even two weeks old.

First, you can practice your skills in an empty, quiet parking lot with smooth pavement that is free of loose gravel or sand. Find an empty church or a school parking lot, or some unused out-of-the-way space at a shopping center safely away from moving vehicles. Choose a time when it is unlikely to be busy, (e.g., a school lot on Sunday) as your safety is of the utmost importance. Work on braking, turning, curves, stopping while in a curve (remember to straighten the handlebars *before* braking!), and turning when pulling away from a stop. When you practice alone, always remain vigilant to vehicles encroaching on your space.

Second, how about participating in a Parking Lot Practice? Also referred to as a PLP, this is an activity that many Chapters hold at the chapter level. The exercises in a PLP are all spelled out in the Cornering Practice Guide along with tips to execute the skills correctly. Talk to your Chapter Educator about holding a Parking Lot Practice for your chapter, or if there is a Facilitated Parking Lot Practice scheduled near you.

Third, you can attend a Team Riding Seminar. This Rider Ed seminar is available for presentation at your chapter, and may be available at some District rallies. This seminar is particularly good to hold at your chapter because the folks who are normally part of your riding team can all hear the same Team Riding tips. Why would you sit through a Team Riding Seminar? One reason is because most of us ride to various places around the state with our riding friends. And if you know what to expect from the others in your group — your *team* — you will be more likely to trust them. You will trust them because you'll know they are all going to ride safely and predictably in a staggered formation. That is what the Team Riding Seminar provides you.

Getting back to the bike for a minute, if you have new tires on your bike for the new season, know that the tire manufacturers recommend that you take it easy on those tires for the first 50—100 miles. That means go easy in the curves and easy on acceleration to prevent slide-outs. The reason is because the surface of the tire will be slickest (slippery) when new. There are a couple of common explanations why, but the result is the same — reduced traction. The rubber will get scuffed and roughed up enough over that distance during normal riding and the tire's grip will improve. Be particularly careful with new tires on painted stripes and metal plates, and all surfaces that are slick even when your tires aren't.

Remember that practice in a parking lot, by yourself or with others, is good for all of us after the long offseason. It is even more beneficial and important if you recently bought a new or used motorcycle. Get to know that new-to-you bike and how it handles in a safe environment. After brushing up your skills, you'll be ready to go out and enjoy a safe riding season!

March Birthdays

Frank Crane 3/14
 Shane Funderburke 3/31
 Terry Swain 3/23



March Anniversaries

Shane & Sally Funderburke 3/25
 Johnny & Belva Smith 3/27



CONCERNS

Bruce Gregory with his illness

Johnny Smith recovering from broken leg

Ralph Jordan, father of Karen Lewis, had heart surgery on Thursday. Please pray for his speedy recover. Please keep Karen and Ronnie in your thoughts and prayers.



Thank You!

Johnny & Belva Smith would like to thank you all for the concern and prayers, calls, visits, and flowers they received during Johnny's hospitalization, surgery, and his continued recovery after he broke his leg.

WELCOME !

Thank you all for joining us today, it's nice to see the familiar faces of our chapter family.

We would especially like to welcome our visitors, it's great to meet new people and have previous visitors return again.

OUR TEAM LEADERS

Frank & Melinda Brothers, Ronnie & Karen Lewis, Bruce Gregory, Larry & Delores Crouse, Genie & Joel Deaton, Jeanna & Alan Phillips, Joe & Merrie Colvard, and Ronnie & Margaret Vaughn.

Take the time to thank our team leaders for the excellent job they do for Chapter I-2.



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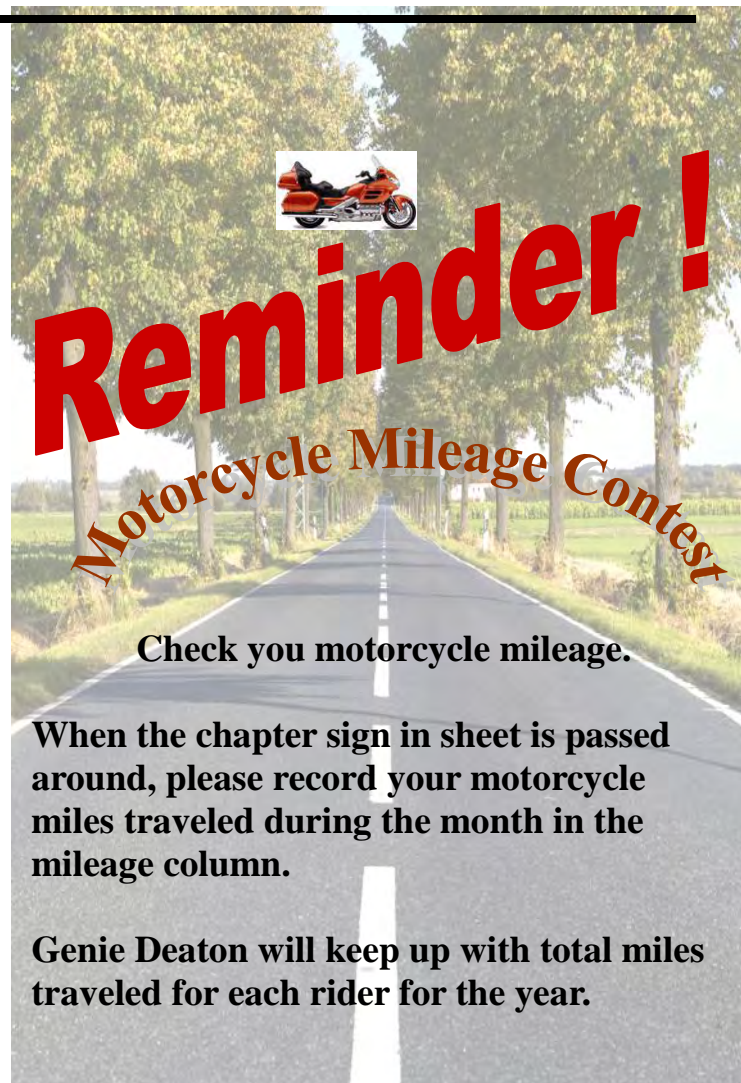
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Chapter I-2 Mascots



Bucky & Cupcake Blacksheep



Reminder!
Motorcycle Mileage Contest

Check your motorcycle mileage.

When the chapter sign in sheet is passed around, please record your motorcycle miles traveled during the month in the mileage column.

Genie Deaton will keep up with total miles traveled for each rider for the year.



Up Coming Events



March 22-24

Florida District Convention, Kissimmee, FL

March 24

“Bowling & Dinner Ride”. Clarksville Fun Bowl,
Dinner at Hog Wild BBQ, Clarksville, GA.
Bowling starting at 3:00pm, dinner at 5:00pm.

March 30-April 1

Officers Certification Program, Rome, GA.

April 19-21

Alabama District Convention

April 21

Chapter I₂ Gathering at Shoney’s. Eat at 11am,
Meeting 12pm.

April 26-28 South Carolina District Convention,
North Charleston, SC

April 28

Dinner Ride Location TBA

May 5

A.R.C. Advanced Riders Course) Hosted by
Chapter I₂ at “Franklin County Recreation
Dept.”, Rocky Ford Rd., Carnesville, GA.

May 19

Chapter I₂ Gathering at Shoney’s. Eat at 11am,
Meeting 12pm.

May 26

“Motorist Awareness” (MAD) event hosted by
Chapter I₂, for Memorial-Day weekend from 8:30
am—2:00 pm. “Georgia Welcome/Visitors Center
I-85 South at the Georgia/South Carolina line,
938 County Road 84, Lavonia, GA.

May 26

Chapter I₂ Dinner Ride, Location TBA

June 14-16

Georgia District Convention, “Dillard House”,
Dillard, GA

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Bike & Non-Bike Items

- 1. For Sale: 2002 Gold Wing GL1800 Trike**
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- 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.**
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- 5. FOR SALE: – POOL TABLE, VITALE PRO 8 POOL TABLE. \$1800. CALL RANDY SIMPSON 706-546-5202 OR EMAIL SIMPSONRM@BELLSOUTH.NET**
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March 2012



February 2012							April 2012						
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26	27	28	29				29	30					

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	1	2	<p>► 5:00PM - 8:00PM Chapter I-2 Dinner Ride ("Down Home Cooking", 200 General Daniel Ave N Ste 219, Danielsville, GA)</p>
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Daylight Savings Time B...			Frank Crane Birthday ●			<p>Saint Patrick's Day ♦ United</p> <p>► 11:00AM - 1:00PM Chapter I-2 Monthly Gathering ("Shoney's, Lavonia, GA)</p>
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
				Florida District Convention, Kissimmee F... ♦ 3011 Maingate Lane, Kissimmee, FL. ...		
18	19	20	21	22	<p>Terry Swain's Birthday ●</p>	<p>► 3:00PM - 8:00PM Chapter I-2 Bowling & Dinner Ride (CLARKESVILLE FUN BOWL, 583 Grant St, #B, Clarkesville, GA)</p>
Shane & Sally Funderbu...		Johnny & Belva Smith A...				<p>Shane Funderburke's Bi...</p> <p>► 8:30AM - 4:30PM Officers Certification Program (Towers Field, 304 Russell Field Road, Rome, Georgia 30165)</p>
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

April 2012



March 2012							May 2012						
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	27	28	29	30	31		

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>▶ 8:30AM - 4:30PM Officers Certification Program (304, Russell Field Road Rome, Georgia 30165)</p> <p>1</p>	2	3	4	<p>Larry & Linda Watkins ...</p> <p>5</p>	6	7
<p>Easter Sunday ♦ United States</p> <p>Joe Colvard Birthday ●</p> <p>8</p>	9	10	11	12	13	14
<p>Karen Lewis' Birthday ●</p> <p>15</p>	16	17	18	19	20	<p>▶ 11:00AM - 1:00PM Chapter I-2 Monthly Gathering ("Shoney's", Lavonia, GA)</p> <p>21</p>
22	<p>Bruce Gregory's Birthday ●</p> <p>23</p>	24	25	<p>South Carolina District 28th Annua... ♦ 9280 University Blvd., North Charleston, South...</p>		<p>▶ 4:30PM - 7:30PM Ga I-2 Dinner Ride (TBA)</p> <p>28</p>
29	30	1	2	3	4	<p>▶ 8:00AM - 5:00PM A.R.C. (Advanced Riders Course) sponsored by Chapter I-2 (Franklin County Recreation Dept, 557 Rocky Ford Rd., Carnesville, GA)</p> <p>5</p>

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Kick-off of the Rally/Event Session

Well, the 2012 Rally/Event season has been officially kicked off in Georgia. There were approximately 200 in attendance for the Georgia Chapter-S Fun Day on February 11th, 2012. There were plenty of fun games, door prizes, good food and GREAT FELLOWSHIP. Pat, Craig and their Chapter Team put on an outstanding event. Vicky and I had a great time as I think everyone else did.

We are very proud to have five Georgia Chapters submit their packets for the 2011 Chapter of the Year competition. There can only be one Chapter of the Year. However, we want to recognize all Chapters that participate in the Chapter of the Year Program. Starting in 2011 the Georgia District elected to participate in the recognition of the Bronze, Silver and Gold level Chapters.

On February 11th at the Georgia Ch-S Sweetheart Fun Day we had the pleasure of announcing **Georgia Chapter "A"** as the **2011 Chapter of the Year**. CONGRATULATIONS Chapter "A"! We also were very proud to recognize our **Bronze and Silver Chapters**. Georgia Chapter-S was recognized for their efforts in achieving the level of **Bronze Chapter 2011**, Georgia Chapters A, B2, D and L were recognized for their efforts in achieving the level of **SIL-**

VER Chapters 2011. This Recognition was well earned by each Chapter Member that participated. We hope to see more Chapters participating in the Chapter of the Year program in 2012.

The Plaques have been on the move again and everyone that is participating seems to be having a Great Deal of FUN. The Georgia District Travelers Plaque was captured three different times in February by Chapter GA-S, GA-B2 and GA-D who now has possession of the District Travelers Plaque. Ch-D will be giving it away at their next regular Gathering on March 10th.

The Region "A" Wanderer Plaque was captured from GA-B2 by AL-Y. The Region "A" Plaque has been in Georgia for some time and, even though we like for our Georgia Chapters to capture it, we are glad that Alabama Y came over to visit us in Georgia. Besides isn't that the best benefit of the Plaque Attacks, visiting with our GWRRA Friends and Family?

The first District Convention in Region "A" for 2012 is coming up. The Florida District Convention in Kissimmee, FL on March 22nd-24th 2012. We hope to see you there!

Tommy & Vicky

Only A Biker Knows Why A Dog Sticks His Head Out Of A Car Window.....

Now that we have your attention.....we saw this tag line the other day and it made us smile so we thought that we would share it with you. It does sum up a lot of the reasons that we swing a leg over the seat.

With that being the case, we as Rider Educators want to provide you with as many skills and tools for you to utilize while enjoying this lifestyle we love so much. Specifically Riding Courses, MEDIC First Aid / CPR and the numerous Seminars that are available to you as GWRRA members. The information and skill sets you gain from attending these Educational sessions can be the difference between serious injury and heaven forbid, death.

Being in the GWRRA Levels Program can provide you with a "roadmap" for successfully becoming the safest Rider or Co-Rider you could ever want to be. Let's face it, there are restaurants to visit, ice cream to taste and destinations to explore and it is a whole lot more enjoyable when done from the seat of a motorcycle or trike!

You may have noticed recently that your Chapter Educator or Chapter Director may have been holding up some lime green / safety yellow tickets asking for your donation. These tickets are for a Grand Prize Garmin ZUMO 665, Garmin's top-of-the-line motorcycle GPS that also comes with

a car mount for use when you must take the cage. You can access a link on the Georgia Rider Education webpage for all the details about the ZUMO. Additionally, we are offering a set of motorcycle tires compliments of **Verhulst Trikes & Bikes**. We plan to add more prizes in the future so periodically check the website for updates.

All the money raised will be put directly back into Georgia Rider Education to offset the cost of Riding and MEDIC courses for current Georgia GWRRA members.

Everyone needs a goal and our ultimate goal is to raise enough funding to entirely cover the cost of Rider Education for our Georgia members to include all Levels patches and pins. We are not there yet, but we are working on it!

Since July 1st of 2011 we have been providing MEDIC CPR / First Aid and GWRRA Riding Courses to our Georgia members for no cost. At registration a check is required to hold a spot on the roster. At the successful completion of the training, the check will be refunded to the member. World Class Training delivered for only the cost of the member's time. It is a deal that is unbeatable!

Because of this we are once again asking for your help. We want to continue providing these courses at no cost and expand what we can provide to our Georgia

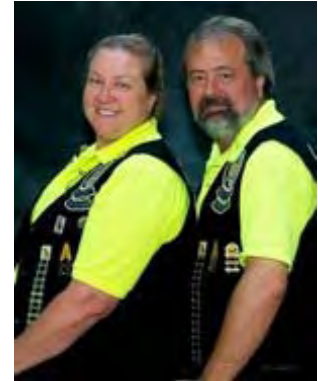
GWRRA members in the future. As an added value tickets are for sale at \$1 a piece or 6 tickets for the cost of 5 (\$5). An extra chance at some great prizes and the added value of ultimately helping your GWRRA family members increase their Safety Knowledge.

Look at it this way, a MEDIC Course cost \$15 - \$20 dollars. A Riding Course costs \$25. If you were to purchase two books of tickets (\$10 with 12 chances to win) you have still spent less than the cost for one member to attend one training course. How is that for value? As if that is not enough, there is more! You do not have to be present to win. Is this great or what? So sell them to your neighbors, your friends; give them as gifts, how about co-workers.....the options are limitless!

We are going to show our age now by referencing something you have probably all seen on TV or in a magazine. There was a time, not so long ago, when two older brothers were heading up an advertising campaign for wine coolers and at the end of every commercial they would say: "Thank You For Your Support!"

Well Georgia, we could not say it any better so: **"WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!"**

Roy & Julie



**Roy & Julie
Degler
Ride Educator**

"Being in the GWRRA Levels Program can provide you with a 'roadmap' for successfully becoming the safest Rider or Co-Rider you could ever want to be."



**Rider Education
Raffle Ticket**

MARCH 2012

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3 GA-E, F2, Z Wanderer Plaque, Rider Ed Fun Day
4	5 GA-G	6 GA-S	7	8 GA-K, M	9	10 GA-B, D, P Traveler's Plaque, A.R.C.
11	12 GA-Q, T	13	14	15 GA-D2	16	17 GA-A, C2, I2
18	19 GA-O	20	21	22 GA-H, L	23	24 GA-B2, E2, J
				Florida District Convention		
25	26	27 GA-R	28	29	30	31 O.C.P.

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

Georgia Traveler's Plaque: **Chapter GA-D** captured the Traveler from GA-B2. The plaque will be given away on March 10h at the Golden Corral, 2025 Market Place Blvd, Cumming, GA. Eat at 10:00 AM, meet at 11:00 AM. Plaque given way at 12 noon.

Region A Wanderer: **AL-Y** captured the Wanderer from GA-B2. It will be given away on Saturday, March 3rd at there Fun Day—Gardendale Civic Center, 857 Main St, Gardendale, AL, 10:00 AM—1:00 PM

Schedule of Events

- March 3, 2012—GA-D Rider Ed Fun Day, 2510 Mill Center Parkway, NE, Buford, GA, Suite 200 Parking Lot. Sessions start at 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM
- March 10, 2012—Advanced Rider Course, Middle Georgia Technical College, Warner Robins, GA
- March 22-24, 2012—Florida District Convention, Kissimmee
- March 31—April 1, 2012—Officer Certification Program, Richard B. Russell Regional Airport, J.H. Towers Field 304, Russell Field Road, Roam, GA 30165. Classes start at 8:30 AM
- April 19-21, 2012—Alabama District Convention, Mobile
- April 26-28, 2012—South Carolina District Convention, North Charleston
- May 19th—GA-D Motorist Awareness Day, 1250 Market Place, Cumming, GA 10:00 AM—2:00 PM
- June 14-16, 2012—Georgia District Convention/Rally "The Rumble in the Jungle" The Dillard House, Dillard, GA.
- July 4-7, 2012—Wing Ding, Fort Wayne, IN.

“Jungle Drums” A Wing Fling Update

The excitement continues to build and registrations keep coming in strong for the 2012 Georgia District Wing Fling—“The Rumble in the Jungle.” As of early March we have over 230 of our GWRRA friends and family scheduled to attend. I hope you’re making your plans to attend!

We’ve noted that there is a lot of “pride” in Georgia

Chapters. To help show off that pride, we have set up some great challenges and contest for you and your Chapter to get involved with. There will be the standard Chapter newsletter, website, scrapbook, and banner contest. You’ll also be able to participate in the Chapter Photo, Mascot and Coconut contest. To further add to the fun,

each individual can sign up for the Goodies contest—yum, yum—and the bike show. And we can’t wait to see you show off your abilities, or at least lack of embarrassment, at the “Rumble in the Jungle” Talent Show.

Contest rules can be found on the District Website at www.gwr-ra-ga.com.



GWRRA Motto “Friends for Fun, Safely and Knowledge”



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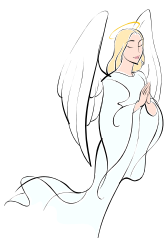
GA-A—Georgia’s 2011 Chapter of the Year

Chapter A is proud to be selected as Georgia’s Chapter of the Year. At the beginning of 2011, it was decided to strive to be selected Chapter of the Year. This goal was presented to the chapter participants who had to buy into it, which they did. In reality, there was very little change in how Chapter A operates. As in previous years, there were over 100 individual activities or events in and at which Chapter A participated. This includes monthly chapter gatherings, rider education, leadership training, chapter visits, group rides, fun days, poker

runs, motorist awareness, recruiting, and many others. A difference from previous years was that we focused on those activities that resulted in points for Chapter of the Year. We had a great leadership team, which is still in place, with officers in every position that garnered points for Chapter of the Year. We used the guidance and score sheet as guides which supplemented the myriad of activities and events for participants. Care was used to develop the leadership skills of as many participants as possible through the Leadership

Training Program and sixty-one Chapter A participants are in the Rider Education Levels Program.

Because they attended chapter events and activities, because they participated in the Rider Education Levels Program, because they supported Motorist Awareness, because they participated in the Leadership Training Program, because they donated time and money to support our troops through Herobox, and because they like to ride and eat; Chapter A **Participants ARE** the Chapter of the Year.



Among our sick

JJ Etzle, cancer, GA-E2
 Sandy Hatfield, surgery, GA-S
 Johnny Smith, broken leg, GA-S
 Phyllis Barnett, broken leg, GA-T

In Memory

Kathleen Moya, mother of John Tabor, GA -O
 Johnny Owens, brother of Barry Owens, GA-O