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Director's Notes



FRIENDS FOR FUN, SAFETY AND KNOWLEDGE

Thanks to all the members that participated in the activities we had last year. Due to your participation, Chapter I-2 was selected as Chapter of the Year for 2013 for the Georgia District. This would not have been accomplished without everyone's participation. Thanks again for a job well done.

Six officers went to the Officers meeting on Jan. 18 at Buckner's. After a good meal we were updated on the things that are happening in GWRRA.

Seventeen members went to the X-Factor, in Toccoa, for our Saturday lunch ride. We all had a great time and lots of good food. If you are in Toccoa, you need to stop by and check them out. It is a great place to eat.

As I write this, the snow is coming down. We have about 5 inches on the ground with more to come. It seems that Old Man Winter will just not let go. Maybe this weather will break before long, and we can get back to riding. I know we are all past ready for warmer weather.

As always, Ride safe and often!!

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Larry Crouse Chapter Rider Educator



QUICK TIPS: The Importance of Riding Unimpaired by Alcohol or Other Drugs

Theory: Alcohol And Motorcycles Are Incompatible

- At a BAC" of 0.01 to 0.04%, judgment begins to lessen, the drinker is less critical of their own actions, reaction time is slowed, and indications of mental relaxation may appear.
- At a BAC of 0.05 to 0.07%, judgment is not sound, thinking and reasoning powers are not clear, and the ability to perform complex skills is lessened.
- At a BAC of 0.06% or above, judgment and reasoning powers are severely hampered, and the individual cannot complete common simple tasks without error.

Proof: Statistics From Recent Studies (by NHTSA. Florida, Kentucky, and Australia)

- Having any alcohol in one's body increases the chance of crashing by five times.
- Having a BAC greater than 0.05% increases the risk of crashing about forty-fold.
- 46 percent of all motorcyclists killed in crashes were using alcohol.
- One fourth of all fatal alcohol-related motorcycle crashes involve motorcyclists running off the road, overturning, or falling from the motorcycle rather than striking another object.

Explanation: Alcohol Affects Your Ability To "SEE"

SEESM, is the acronym for MSF's strategy to help motorcycle riders maintain a safety margin as well as remain ready and able to respond properly to traffic situations. SEE stands for:

- **Search** for hazards that might lead to trouble.
- **Evaluate** how the hazards might interact to create risk; prioritize multiple hazards to deal with one at a time.
- **Execute** an action to maintain a margin of safety.

Alcohol affects these three human elements of safe motorcycle operation by impairing your vision (**Search**) judgment/decision-making ability (**Evaluate**), and coordination/reaction time (**Execute**).

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Recommendation: Plan Ahead

- Riders should never mix alcohol with riding. Even low, legal limits of SAC increase your risk while riding a motorcycle.
- Riders who are away from home and decide to drink should either (1) wait until their BAC has returned to zero before riding, even if it means staying overnight, or (2) leave the motorcycle in a secure location and find alternate transportation home.

*BAC = Blood Alcohol Concentration

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Jeanna Phillips Motorist Awareness Coordinator



Be seen

If it gets motorist attention, it's worth the extra effort and expense. Black or dark colored motorcycles and helmets are hard to be seen. Black leather coats, gloves, chaps, and boots are great protective gear but are not visible. Does your rain gear, jackets and riding pants have reflective trim to increase visibility? Bright colored riding gear, white helmets, safety reflective vest, more LED lights, and a modulator for brakes and head lights are great attention getters. Hand signals, by driver and/ or co-rider, along with signals, four way flashers, and even tapping brakes alert drivers of your intentions. In most accidents the motorist say I DID NOT SEE the MOTORCYCLE. Are we not visible enough or is the motorist distracted or not even paying attention. The sun, dim light at dusk or dawn, fog, rain, and night driving all play a great risk factor for us all. Remember to scan at all times, even behind you. A young man riding a motorcycle was recently rear ended by a vehicle. The driver had just looked away for a brief moment. He didn't realize the motorcycle had stopped to make a left turn. This resulted in the death of another motorcyclist.

Let's all Dress Loud , Ride Proud, and Be Seen!!!



Dress Loud & Ride Proud

Gold Wing Road Riders Association

February Birthdays

06th Belva Smith
18th Ronnie Vaughn
28th Phil Palmer



Congratulations
Couple of the Year (COY) 2014



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

February Anniversaries

None



CONCERNS

Larry Watkins' shoulder replacement surgery scheduled for 13th of February had to be postponed due to inclement weather.



Louise Lewis, Ronnie Lewis's mother is hospitalized in Northeast GA Medical Center in Gainesville due to cardiac issues.

Chapter I-2 Mascots
Bucky & Cupcake Blacksheep



CONDOLENCES

JACK SWANSON, FEBRUARY 4th, 2014



We were very saddened to hear of the death of long time Member and Friend Jack Swanson. Jack and Carol have been faithful and committed participants of GWRRA and Chapter T in Athens, GA for many years. Please keep Carol and family in your thoughts and prayers.



Up Coming Events For 2014



- 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.

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- Sept. 20 Chapter I-2 Gathering at Shoney's. Eat at 11am, Meeting 12-1pm.
- 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,

May 1-3

Georgia District Convention, Dillard

June 12-14

Region "A" Convention, Eufaula, AL

September 11-13

Mississippi District Convention,

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.**
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March 2014



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February 2014



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Chilly Willy and Officers Conference

There was a good turnout for Chilly Willy & Officers Conference at the awesome "Buckner's Family Restaurant". Once everyone was stuffed with Fried Chicken, BBQ and all the fine fixings that came with it, we met in the conference room. There were several door prizes won by the members as well as two \$100.00 50/25/25 cash giveaways won by Murry Cail of GA-L and Carlos Lozano of GA-S. The "Chilly Willy" Penguin was awarded to Chapter Q for having the most Members in attendance. Way to go GA-Q!!

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Please join us in Congratulating Georgia I2 as Georgia's 2013 Chapter of the Year, as well as achieving the Bronze Chapter level. We also want to Congratulate Georgia Chapter D for achieving the Silver Chapter level. The Chapter of the Year program is a very good tool to help the Chapters grow and encourage Participation within your Chapter.

The Officers Conference was well attended by the Chapter Officers. There were 18 of the 22 Georgia Chapter represented at the conference. Region A Directors Jim and Sue Jackson as well as Region A Senior Rider Educators Chuck and Anne Reed were also in attendance. Information was shared by District and Region Team Members of updates and changes within our organization.

We hope that each of you received something that will help you and your Chapter.

Vicky and I on behalf of the entire District Team want to extend our appreciation to all that attended Chilly Willy and the Officers Conference. It is because of your dedicated efforts and participation that we continue to enjoy such an organization as GWRRA.

The District Travelers Plaque is on the move again. There were several Chapters in attendance at Chapter D's gathering on January 11th in attempt to capture the District Plaque as well as to visit with their GW Friends. Chapter A captured the Plaque and will be offering it for capture on February 8th. See the details on the calendar page of this newsletter.

There are several upcoming activities within the District and Region A. Such as Chapter Fun Days, the Ride 40 to Phoenix, District Conventions, Training Opportunities, Etc. So check you're Chapter, District and Region A Calendar of Events and we will see you on the road soon.

Tommy & Vicky

JUST A FEW QUICK UPDATES

It was really great to see everyone at Buckner's for the Chilly Willy and Officer's Conference on the 18th! Lots of good food, friendship and fellowship; which seems like an awesome way to kick off 2014! Over 200 folks and 18 Chapters represented means that Georgia is going to be "Happening" this year! (Of course we are "Happening" every year!) Can you tell we are excited? Did you notice how many "!"s we used in this paragraph?

The Georgia District Team introduced a new Training Protocol for the Georgia District that you can find posted on the Rider Education page of the Georgia District Website. Region A Rider Education has also introduced a new Training protocol for 2014 that can also be found on the website. This will provide us with the best methods for training the most members starting in 2014 and moving forward.

There will be a new Training tab on the Georgia

District website so you will be able to see all of the Training being offered, all over the great state of Georgia, in the coming months and years. It will include Rider Education, Leadership Training and Membership Enhancement. We want all of our members to have access to training and to take advantage of all the "World Class" programs that GWRRA has to offer!

Also, we have been talking about this, writing about this, emailing about this... everything short of using carrier pigeons to get the word out about the change to the Rider Education Levels program. 15 to 18 months ago the change was announced to the Level III requirements that added attending an approved Motorist Awareness seminar. It is a one-time only attendance requirement. (Unless you would like to attend more)

January 1, 2013 began the requirement and added a one year grace period. What this meant was that

anyone applying for Level III in 2013 had to of attended the MA seminar. If you were already a Level III and wanted to advance to Level IV you needed to attend an MA seminar. If you were a Level III or Level IV you had a one year grace period where you would not be considered non-current in your levels to provide you time to attend the MA seminar.

On January 1, 2014 the one year grace period expired. All Level III and Level IV members in the Rider Education Levels program, who have not attended an MA seminar, are now non-current. Please check the website for MA seminars as we will be providing more in the very near future.

That about wraps it up for now...there is always more, but limited time and space. We look forward to all the lies ahead in 2014! So until next time:

, Be Safe—We'll See You On The Road!

Roy & Julie



**Julie & Roy
Degler
Ride Educator**

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FEBRUARY 2014

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16	17 GA-O 	18	19	20 GA-D2	21	22 GA-B2, E2 Life Skills Warner Robins
23	24	25	26	27 GA-H, L	28	

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-A, captured the plaque from GA-D. The plaque will be given away on February 8th at Hamburger Mike's, 402 Hwy 155 S, McDonough, GA. Lunch 11:00–12:30 PM; Registration 11:30–12:30 PM; Plaque award at 1:00 PM.

Region A Wanderer: Chapter FL1-G captured the Region plaque from GA-A. It will be given away on February 8th at their Happy Day's Hootenanny, which will be held at The Barn, 1200 S. French Ave, Sanford, FL. 11:00 AM–3:00 PM

Schedule of Events

- February 15—GA-S Sweet-heart Fun Day, Winder
- February 15—Moterist Awareness Seminar at GA-S Sweetheart Fun Day, Winder
- February 22—Life Skills Program, Flint EMC, Warner Robins
- March 7–40 to Phoenix stop, First Baptist Church Con- veyers. (Sponsored by GA-A)
- March 20-22—Florida Dis- trict Convention/Rally, Kissimmee
- March 29—Member Orienta- tion Program, GA Forestry Association, Forsyth.
- April 3-5—Alabama District Convention/Rally, Mobile.
- April 26—GA-T Fun Day
- May 1-3—Southe Carolina Convention/Rally, Flor- ence
- June 12-14—Wing Fling, Georgia Convention/Rally, Dillard
- July 2-5—Wing Ding, Madi- son, WI
- August 29 & 31—Weekend at the Opry, Nashville, TN
- September 11-13—Region A Convention/Rally, Eufaula, AL
- October 16-18—Mississippi Convention/Rally, Gulf- port



Hope you're planning to join us in June for Georgia's 2014 Wing Fling—A Gold Wing Rodeo! It would be a shame to miss out on all the fun in beautiful Dillard, GA!

THINKING OF YOUR VALINTINE

Well believe it or not, here we are in the month of February. All you GWRRA members that I know love their spouse, so besides buying her flowers and sweets, take her to the Sweetheart Fun Day that Chapter S in Winder, GA is having. I know you and

her will have a fun day. It doesn't matter if you ride or drive, the folks in Winder will treat you as family and you won't regret going. As you know the weather in Georgia the month of February can be cold or warm, so if you have a chance to ride

please do so, I know I will. I don't have much to say this month, but would like to wish you and yours a Happy Valentines.

Jim & Kay



Jim & Kay Elrod
Assistant
District Director
Vendor Coordina-
tor



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

OUR NEW 2014 CHAPTER COUPLES OF THE YEAR

The Chilly Willy ride and the Officers Conference are behind us for 2014. It was a great success. Buckner's restaurant did a great job with lunch. I was taught to always eat what is placed at the table. Well I did try, but every time the bowl was emptied it was quickly refilled. We want to congratulate Chapter Q for having the most members present; they get to take Chilly Willy home for the year. Go visit chapter Q and say hello to Chilly Willy. (Remember he is not a

Mascot so don't kidnap him.) All the conference presenters did a wonderful job putting out some valuable information for all the officers and members present. I know we will all have a great GWRRA 2014.

We would like to congratulate all the new Chapter Couples of the Year for 2014. Chapter A Don and Sharon Jenkins, Chapter B2 Walter and Linda Wiggs, Chapter D Mike and Nancy Lynberg, Chapter H Jeff and Maud Verner, Chapter I2 Larry

and Linda Watkins and Chapter S Glenn and Sherry Wisdom. I'm sure the list will grow as the year goes on. Check the Georgia web site to see who these ambassadors are.

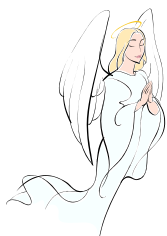
We also want to congratulate Chapter I2, they are Georgia's Chapter of the year. Way to go Frank & Melinda Brothers and all of Chapter I2

Sid & Donna

"I was taught to always eat what is placed at the table. Well I did try, but every time the bowl was emptied it was quickly refilled."



**Congratulations to Georgia Chapter I2 –
Your 2013 Chapter of the Year!**



Among our sick

Roger Lavender, Brother of Dee Allen,
GA District Team
Bill Dodd and Dolly Chatel-Dodd

Gloria Pitts, GA-S
Sid Harris, GA-T