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Director's Notes

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FRIENDS FOR FUN, SAFETY AND KNOWLEDGE

Where did the warm weather go? It went from 60 degrees to 20 degrees in one day I think that the ground Hog did not know what he was talking about. Oh well it is not spring till March 20th anyway I guess we all try to rush the warm weather so we can get back to riding .Won't be long, at least I hope so.

We had a great meeting Jan 24th with 20 Members attending

That is great with the rescheduling of the Meeting because of the officers Meeting on the 19th. We will be back to our regular times till June. We will not have a meeting in June because of the rally in Mountain City that weekend.

We will be having a Co Rider Class after the meeting on the 21st of Feb. At the Line Fire Dept. hope everyone that needs this class to keep their levels up to date will attend.

Our Dinner ride will be on Feb. 28 to be decided on at the meeting

Our next meeting will be March 21st At Shoney's Eat at 11am meet at 12 noon.

Till next time,
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Frank Brothers,
Senior Director



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Chapter I-2 Mascots *Bucky & Cupcake Blacksheep*



Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge





Larry Crouse Chapter Rider Educator





Passenger Preparation

- 1. Passengers should be tall enough to reach the footrests and mature enough to handle the responsibilities.
- 2. Passengers should wear proper protective gear.
- 3. Passengers should receive a safety briefing (see #7 below).
- 4. Passengers should consider themselves a second operator and share responsibility for safety.

General Safety Considerations

- 1. You need to be experienced in the motorcycle's operation and have a safety oriented attitude before taking on the added responsibility of carrying a passenger.
- 2. Practice low-speed clutch/throttle control as well as normal and emergency braking in a low-risk area like an open parking lot, with a passenger.
- 3. Use caution in cornering and develop cornering skills over time to ensure passenger comfort and safety.
- 4. Use caution in comers as clearance may be affected.
- 5. Use MSF's Search, Evaluate, Execute strategy (SEES") to increase time and space safety margins.
- 6. Allow time for a passenger to adjust to the sense of speed and the sensation of leaning; speeds should be conservatively safe and reasonable until a passenger acclimates to the proper riding techniques.
- 7. Ensure passengers follow safety procedures:
 - a. Complete personal protective gear is properly in use.
 - b. Hold operator's waist or hips, or motorcycle's passenger hand-holds.
 - c. Keep feet on footrests at all times, including while stopped.
 - d. Keep hands and feet away from hot or moving parts.
 - e. When in a comer, look over the operator's shoulder in the direction of the corner.
 - f. Avoid turning around or making sudden moves that might affect operation.
 - g. If crossing an obstacle, stand on the pegs with the knees slightly bent and allow the legs to absorb the shock upon impact.
- 8. Allow more time for passing.
- 9. Be ready to counter the effects of wind.
- 10. Avoid extreme speeds and dramatic lean angles.
- 11. Be ready for a passenger "bump" with their helmet or with their whole body sliding forward during hard braking.
- 12. Have the passenger mount after the motorcycle's stand is raised and the motorcycle is securely braced. Hold the front brake lever if the surface isn't level.
- 13. Have the passenger dismount first.
- 14. Annually complete a Basic Rider Course 2 Skills Practice with a passenger.
- 15. Have frequent passengers complete a Basic *Rider Course* so they can better understand the operator's task.

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Rider Education

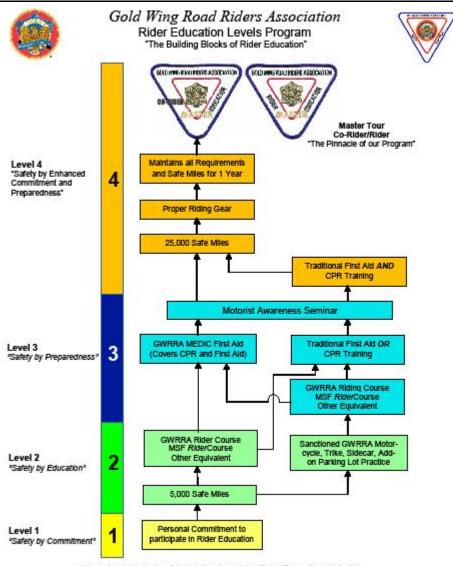


Seminars, and classes that are available at the Chapter Level.

- 1. 1. "Level Up" PPT Presentation
- 2. 2. Co-Rider Seminar
- 3. 3. Co-Rider-Two Seminar
- 4. 4. Riding With New and/or Inexperienced Riders
- 5. 5. Motorcycling for Mature Riders
- 6. 6. Seasoned (Mature) Rider Supplement
- 7. Road Captain Course
- 8. 8. Team Riding Seminar

- 9. "Dealing With Different Elements"
- 10. 10. Riding in the Heat
- 11. 11. Night Riding ...
- 12. 12. Motorcycle Crash Scene Response
- 13. 13. High Side Scenarios
- 14. 'Going, Going, Gone'
- 15. 15. Trailering Seminar
- 16. 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** Coordinator





February 16, 2015

Motorist Awareness Safe Driving Tips for Motorists

About half of all motorcycle crashes involve a collision with another vehicle. In many crashes, the driver never saw the motorcyclist — or didn't see the rider until it was too late.

There are many reasons why other drivers do not see motorcyclists.

- Most car drivers aren't familiar with motorcycles and don't look for them in traffic.
- Motorcycle riders often wear leathers which are usually dark in color and can easily blend into the background.
- Motorcycles are smaller than other vehicles, so they are more difficult to spot in traffic and can be hidden by other vehicles or roadside features.
- Daytime headlight use does not give motorcycle riders much of an advantage anymore, due to the widespread use of daytime running lights on cars.
- The smaller size and single headlight on the motorcycle make it more difficult for other drivers to judge a rider's speed and distance.
- When turning left: Most crashes between vehicles and motorcycles involve turning left at an intersection. If crossing traffic or turning left, look twice for motorcycles before turning.
- Blind spots: Motorcycles are easily hidden in traffic. Always take a second look over your shoulder don't rely solely on your mirrors.
- Weather: Rain and sun glare can make a motorcycle "invisible." Take an extra moment to make sure the way is clear.
- Signals: Use turn signals. This allows the rider to anticipate traffic flow and find a safe lane position.
- Larger vehicles: Cars and trucks can conceal a motorcycle traveling behind it. Take an extra moment after a larger vehicle passes before beginning a turn.

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Dress Loud & Ride Proud

- Eye contact: Motorcyclists make eye contact often to feel confident that other drivers see them. Give a nod back to acknowledge them.
- Distance: Motorcyclists prefer to use a large space cushion, allowing them more time to react. Do not cut in front of a motorcycle and eliminate the safe following distance.

Additional Safe Driving Tips

- Signals: Most motorcycle turn signals do not cancel automatically. If a cycle is coming, and the signal is flashing, wait a moment for the cycle to pass.
- Watch aggressively for motorcycles.
- Search the traffic constantly and expect to see motorcycles.
- Check blind spots before changing lanes or merging, especially in heavy traffic.
- Double-check traffic at intersections before turning or pulling out.
- Motorcycles can easily be hidden in traffic. Look for a helmet above, tires below, or a shadow alongside a vehicle.
- Anticipate hazards that may confront the motorcyclist and predict how the motorcyclist may react to the situation.
- Poor road conditions, bad weather, flying debris, oil slicks, and heavy traffic pose high risks for motorcyclists.
- Allow a minimum two-second "space cushion" when following a motorcycle.
- Pick out a fixed object ahead of you. When the motorcycle passes the object, count off, "one thousand one, one thousand two" If you haven't passed the same object after two seconds, your following distance meets the two-second minimum.
- In poor driving conditions, at higher speeds and at night, use a four or five-second following distance to give the motorcyclist more space.
- Watch out when turning left.
- Because motorcycles are smaller than other vehicles, it is harder to see them and more difficult to judge their approach speed in traffic.
- Share the road.
- Do not drive in the same lane as a motorcycle. It is unsafe and illegal.
- Treat motorcyclists with the same respect and courtesy you afford to other motorists.
- Observe and obey all traffic laws, signs and signals.
- Failure to obey and yield the right-of-way can result in the death or serious injury of a motorcyclist.
- Stay focused on the driving task. Inattentive driving is a major cause of vehicle-motorcycle crashes.
- Remove all possible distractions that can interfere with the driver's attention, and remove any objects that may block the driver's view.
 Looking Twice May Save A Life!

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February Birthdays

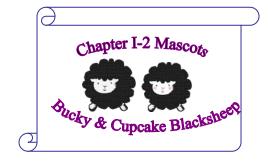
6th Belva Smith 18th Ronnie Vaughn 28th Phil Palmer



Congratulations Couple of the Year (COY) 2015



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



February Anniversaries

None this Month!

CONCERNS

Please keep our friends Glen and Joyce Argo in your thoughts, and prayers as they go through Glen's recovery from Bladder cancer, and associated conditions. He is presently at Emory University Hospital in Atlanta. Their hoping he'll be able to come home this Friday the 20th. They found out about the problem before Christmas.





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 Chapter I-2 Lunch or Dinner Ride, Location and Times to be decided...
- March 21 Chapter I-2 Gathering at "Shoney's". Eat at 11am, Meeting 12-1pm.
- March 28 Chapter I-2 Lunch or Dinner Ride, Location and Times to be decided.
- April 18 Chapter I-2 Gathering at "Shoney's". Eat at 11am, Meeting 12-1pm.
- April 25 Chapter I-2 Lunch or Dinner Ride, Location and Times to be decided.
- 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".
- May 23 Chapter I-2 Dinner Ride, following the "Motorist Awareness" campaign, Location T.B.A.
- 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 20 Tentative due to District Convention, Chapter I-2 Gathering at "Shoney's". Eat at 11am, Meeting 12-1pm.
- 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 8:30 am. Come ready to ride.

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- 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 "VonBraunCenter" Huntsville, Alabama.
- Sept. 19 Chapter I-2 Gathering at "Shoney's". Eat at 11am, Meeting 12-1pm.
- 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 Chapter I-2 Lunch or Dinner Ride, Location and Times to be decided.
- November 21 No Chapter I-2 Gathering at "Shoney's" for November and December.
- Evening of November 21st Chapter I-2 "End of Year 2015 Celebration".



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
Region "A" Convention, Eufaula, AL	October 28-31
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Chapter Classifieds Bike & Non-Bike Items

- 1. Ladies small HJC helmet (See picture below). Purchased at Harley Davidson of Athens. Meets highest safety regulations. Paid \$100. Will take \$50 cash. Worn 5 times. Contact Mary Cobb: (706) 206-6974
- 2. 2010 "Thoroughbred Motorsports®" Stallion -Trike, and trailer, 22000 miles, great shape, \$26,500 for both. Call John Chevalier (706) 795-3067.
- 3. New "Kuryakyn" rider backrest for GoldWing 1800. \$125.00. Contact Joe Colvard 706-988-9048.
- 4. "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.
- 5. 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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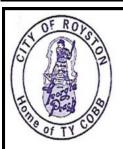
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15	16	17	Ronnie Vaughn's Birthday	19	20	➤ 11:00AM - 1:00PM Chapter I-2 Monthly Gathering (Shoney's, Lavonia, Ga.) ➤ 2:00PM - 4:30PM Co-Rider & Co-Rider Seminars (Line Fire Dept., Martin, GA)
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NEWSLETTER

February 2015

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Chilly Willy and the Georgia Officer's Conference

The 2015 Chilly Willy was kicked off with a BIG bang. There were 200 plus members that rode in to Buckner's Family Restaurant for the first District event of the year. Everyone seemed to be enjoying the wonderful food served up by the outstanding Buckner's Staff. They kept those good groceries loaded on those lazy-Buster's (they're just too big to be called a lazy-Susan). After lunch we all gathered outside for some announcements, door prizes and the 50/25/25 drawings.

Congratulations to Chapter A for achieving the level of Silver Chapter and being named as the 2014 Georgia District Chapter of the Year. We also want to Congratulate Georgia Chapters D and I2 for achieving the level of Bronze Chapter. We are proud of each of the Chapters. Keep up the good work!

There were 18 of the 20 Georgia Chapters represented at the Georgia Officers Conference, along with the entire Georgia District staff. Also in attendance were Region A Directors, Jim and Sue Jackson, as well as Region A Educators Chuck and Anne Reed. We would like to say a very special Thank You to all that took the

time out of their busy schedules to attend the conference. There was quite a bit of information shared and it seemed to be well received. There was some good input from the Chapter Officers, with several positive responses and good ideas shared.

For many years the Georgia District has provided \$500.00 Raffle Tickets for the Chapters to purchase for .10 cents per ticket that the Chapter can sell for one dollar each. Therefore the Chapter makes .90 cents per ticket sold to add to their treasury. We will continue to provide the tickets, however due to the increased cost of the tickets and decrease in sales it has become necessary to reduce the raffle prize amount to \$300.00 to the Winner and \$ 50.00 to the seller of the winning ticket. Remember, the sale of these tickets is for the benefit of your Chapter.

We have received several requests to bring back the Hot Potato! So, per your request, it

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TRAFFIC

Ah, traffic! To Ride or Not to Ride; that is the question. Whether 'tis nobler to suffer the weaving and darting of all forms of motorized mayhem or to simply hang it all up. (With all due apologies to Shakespeare and the Hamlet soliloquy.) We pose this real life dilemma that is truly affecting our sport/passion.

My Co-worker of the last 7 years recently sold his 2003 100th Anniversary Harley Ultra-Glide because he could suffer the fools on the road no more. To him all of the enjoyment and pleasure was taken away by the, pardon the expression, idiots we share the road with. In reality, do they really share the road with us or are they only out for themselves?

There is no doubt in anyone's mind that the highways and by-ways of our area have seen an increasing number of vehicles driven by self-centered, narcissistic imbecile's who are only out for themselves and could care less about the safety and rights of those who dare tread upon what they feel is rightfully their roads and highways! Let me tell you how I really feel!

In reality the traffic is not suddenly going to disappear. The masses of machinery are not going to part and allow us safe sanctuary as we ride our trusty steads. No, we must realize that traffic is a part of our riding experience. We have to accept that fact and prepare ourselves to never, for a second, let our guard down. In other words; it is not going away!

Some things we can do is plan our routes carefully, trying to avoid urban areas. We should time our travels to not coincide with rush hour or holiday traffic loads. Leave early or wait until mid-day to begin our adventures, even night time can be an option, but let's face it; even the best laid plans can go out the door in the blink of an eye.

When in traffic make yourself as visible as possible. Choose the lane position—left track, center or right track—that makes you the most noticed. Hard to do, but relax! If you are squeezing the grips so tight your wrists are going to sleep, you are making it harder on yourself. Being tense is a dis-

traction and a distracted anyone, be it a trike or bike rider or truck or car driver, makes mistakes! Think about your strategy, not for the next 1,000 feet, but for the next 5 miles....are you exiting, where are you exiting, what lane gives me the best chance of safely getting me where I intend to go. Keep your eyes on a swivel and if riding with a co-rider, trust their input. They are a part of your team! TEAM (Together Everyone Accomplishes More)

Whether we like it or not traffic is a part of our lives. We long for and really need to appreciate those times when the road stretches out before us with not another vehicle in sight. Those possibilities are still out there, but first we are going to have to come to terms with the increasing amount of traffic and the situations it brings to our everyday lives.

Remember that riding is 80 to 90 percent mental and 10 to 20 percent physical skills. We need to be on our game every time we swing a leg over the seat. Do we want to venture out impaired, not on our game? Impaired can mean

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Julie & Roy Degler Ride Educator

"When in traffic make yourself as visible as possible. Choose the lane position—left track, center, or right track—that makes you the most notice."



PLANNING AHEAD

What does planning ahead mean to you? Do you plan for next week, next month, all year? Well, it can be all of these. Life is much smoother when you plan ahead, which can mean planning your rides, your meetings, and your personal responsibilities to coordinate smoothly with each other.

Let's start with planning rides. After all, riding our motorcycles is what GWRRA is about. Most of the time, one or more persons in a chapter needs advance notice to go on a ride. Maybe they need to know which weekend to take off or when not to schedule other events in their lives. It has been suggested in GWRRA that we plan our rides three months out. This does not mean that they cannot be updated. changed or However, this gives the chapter participant time to plan and organize their time so they can go on the rides. Participation should increase when people know what is ahead well in advance. Publish ahead in your newsletter and on your website. Appoint someone as vour ride coordinator and have them make the schedule with

the approval of the Director. Remember, the schedule does not have to be set in stone! Put a disclaimer to check updates to the dates and events before going on a ride.

Most chapters meet on a certain day of the week on a certain week in the month. However, sometimes this can vary because of other activities such as plaque attacks, Christmas parties, fun days, training, or District and Region events. Keep abreast of what is going on with other chapters, District, and Region and your meetings ahead-give plenty of notice if your time or date changes.

Of course, personal responsibilities cannot always be counted on to be on certain dates. All we can do there is try to make appointments so we can still enjoy GWRRA rides and activities. There will always be emergences where we can't ride or attend a meeting, and that is understood by all of us.

Part of planning ahead is setting goals and objectives. These should be written. Does your chap-

ter set goals and objectives? Each year meet with your team leaders, or your chapter, and write down the goals for that year. For example, one of your goals might be that you want to recruit at least 8 new members. How are you going to go about doing that? The "How" part is your objectives--you are going to place 25 flyers on bulletin boards; you are going to call on 3 motorcycle dealers; you are going to set up 2 booths and talk to people. The bulletin boards, dealers, and booths are your objectives. Take action to meet your objectives and you should reach your goals. It is a proven fact that goals are more apt to be reached if they are written. The objectives are also more real and productive when written.

It is our suggestion that you and your team spend time brainstorming. Just jot down ideas to start, and then form them into your goals and objectives. Yes, it is a little work, but it may just be what your chapter needs to grow and thrive. If you need help, we are here to do just that.

Larry & Pam



Pamela & Larry Clemmer Assistant District Directors

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FEBRUARY 2015

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8	9 GA-Q	10	11	12 GA-K, M	13	14 GA-B Sweetheart FD & Traveler Plq.
15	16 GA- O	17	18	19 GA-D2	20	21 GA-A, C2, I2, J
22	23	24 GA-R	25	26 GA-H, L	27	28 GA-B2, E2

Lots of Chapters have had changes in meeting locations and time. Please see the District website (www.gwrra-ga.com) for time and location of Chapter Gatherings. As always, call before you visit to confirm date, time and location.

Georgia Traveler's Plaque: Chapter GA-S captured the Georgia Traveler's Plaque from GA-O! It will be given away at GA-S' Sweetheart Fun Day, February 14th at Midway Christian Church, 1406 Hog Mountain Rd. Sign in will be from 10:00 AM till 12:30 PM.

Region A Wanderer: The Region A Wanderer has been recalled and will be in-active for the rest of 2015.

ope your making plans to "Wing It" to the Georgia District's Convention/Rally in June at River Vista Mountain Village in Dillard. Your District Team is pulling out all its feathers to make sure that you have a great time!

Did you hear that there



are going to be duck races in the creek? You don't want to

miss that!

As always there will be a talent show that will make your heart sing, cause a giggle and be proud to be a GWRRA member. (Hey, did you hear the one about...? Well just come to the talent show and find out!)

Again, and we can't stress this enough, you must be pre-registered to be treated to the full dinner on Thursday evening. So send in those registrations so you won't be left out!

Looking forward to seeing

Schedule of Events

- February 9-Why We Ride, Rome
- February 14—GA-S Sweetheart Fun Day, Winder
- March 7—University Trainer Development Program, Warner Robbins
- March 8-Why We Ride, Rome
- March 19-21—Florida Convention/Rally, Kissimmee
- April 4—Chapter Leadership Program, Fayetteville
- April 23—Why We Ride, Rome
- April 25—GA-B's 30 Year Anniversary, Red Top Mountain State Park
- May 2—Officer Certification Program, Austell
- May 14-16, 2015—Alabama
 District Convention/Rally,
 Eufaula
- June 18-20, 2015—Georgia
 District Convention/
 Rally—Gold Wing Dynasty
- July 16-18, 2015—South Carolina District Convention/Rally, Anderson
- July 25-26—Horizon Program, Marietta
- September 3-6-Wing Ding, Huntsville, AL
- October 15-17—Mississippi District Convention/Rally, Gulfport
- October , 29-30, 2015— Region "A" Convention/ Rally, Eufaula, AL





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District Director

Chilly Willy and the Georgia Officer's Conference

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was announced that the Potato will be returning and, with the applause of the crowed, we can only assume that everyone was happy to hear that it is coming back. It is under construction at this time and should be ready for travel around the first week of February. One Chapter will be drawn from all the Georgia

Chapters to start the Hot Potato. It will be delivered to that Chapter by District Staff. So, watch for the Hot Potato it may be coming your way soon.

The District Travelers Plaque was kicked off on its journey Saturday, January 24th by Chapter O and they had a great turnout for their special gathering to give the plaque away. There were several Chapters in the

running; however Chapter S was the capturing Chapter that took the plaque home. Chapter S will have the District Travelers Plaque available for capture at their Sweet Heart Fun Day on February 14th.

We hope to see you on the road,

Tommy & Vicky



LOOK TWICE - SAVE A LIFE MOTORCYCLES ARE EVERYWHERE (Continued from page 2)

tired; angry, medicated (legally and not legally), the list can be extensive, but you know the point we are trying to get across. So the answer is a resounding—NO! Look at it this way; would you want your airline flight to be in the hands of an air traffic con-

troller at 90%? Again, we think not. 100% focused

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on the task at hand every single moment is what we are striving for. Everyone needs a goal; that is the goal.

Ultimately leaving the sport is one way of dealing with the situation, but it is an extreme example. We believe that there is a way to coexist and thrive while exploring the highways and by-ways of our great country!

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

Roy & Julie

Congratulating Our 2015 Couples of the Year!

International —Tommy & Gayle Wilson

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-I2—Paul & Jane Moricz

GA-S—Craig & Pat Whitehouse

GA-T—Tommy & Vicky Martin



Recognizing Georgia's 2014 Chapter of the Year— Chapter A!

