#### **District "Chapter of the Yea** Ga



## AKE HARTWELL CRUISER GA CHAPTER I-2





#### **Director's** Notes

#### **FRIENDS FOR FUN,** SAFETY AND KNOWLEDGE

Here we are in the last days of February and we have not had much riding weather. And still there are things going on in GWRRA. We as a chapter have not been very active because of the weather we've had; a lot of very cold and wet days in January and February. I think that is going to change very soon with only four weeks till the first day of spring.

We have a lot of things coming up in the next few months.

February 27<sup>th</sup> : Our Lunch ride March 19<sup>th</sup> : Our gathering at Shoney's Eat at 11 Meet at 12 noon. March 17-19: 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Florida District Rally at the International Palms Resort in Orlando Fl. April 16<sup>th</sup> : Chapter T's Fun day at 3754 Blacks Creek Baptist Church Rd., Commerce Ga. Starting at 10 am. April 21-23<sup>rd</sup> : Georgia District Rally at Dalton Ga. Make your plans by March 31st and have a chance to win a sunset cruise for 2 with dinner and \$75.00 Dollars or a site seeing cruise for two On the Southern Belle.

So you see there are a lot to do in the coming days.

Hope to see you on the road.

Ride Safe and Enjoy Life. Frank & Melinda Brothers Ga Chapter I-2 Senior Directors, Georgia District Rider Educators, & **MEDIC** First-Aid Coordinators





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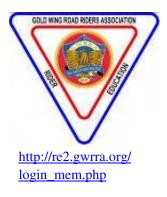
**Chapter I-2 Mascots** Bucky & Cupcake Blacksheep

Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge



### **Doris & Rob Dougher Chapter Rider Educators**





Well the start of the New Year brought about a couple changes to GA I-2 and Rider Education is one of them. Larry and Delores Crouse have asked to step down from their position. So I would like to "Thank" them for all the time and effort they have put into this important position. I know this has helped Frank and Melinda a lot as this position of Rider Education is one of the most important in a Chapter.

Some of you have met Doris and myself and have made us welcome into your Chapter and now ours. A quick intro our family: We have moved to Lavonia from the south side of Chicago about 13 months ago and met Paul Moricz who introduced us to GA I-2. Our family, consist of our son, Brian, who lives in Portland, Maine and our daughter, Brandi, who lives in Newton, NC along with her husband Jim and our three grandchildren.

We have been members of GWRRA for 13 years. Since joining we have been Chapter Directors, Newsletter Editors, Rider Educators, Membership and helped in all the other aspects of Chapter level positions and activities. I know from past experience that Rider Education is one of the most important and the main theme to GWRRA. Both Doris and I think there is never a time we would not need more or even repeated education to make us better riders.

This being a New Year classes have already started. We will try and get these posted and passed around so you can check your calendars and sign up. The Levels Program is a good incentive and reminder of the courses that will help you Ride and Protect you and your Co-Rider.

Available for home viewing are 4 different DVDs that will let you review under you own time. These are NOT to be considered as official credit to your education that is available. Some of them are out of date but the general information may bring up things you may have forgotten.

DVDs are:: <u>Co-Rider</u> : <u>Touring and Braking</u> : <u>Slow Speed Cycling</u> : <u>Trailering</u>

I will try to bring them to the meetings or if you would like call me and we can try and arrange time to get them to you. Please ask questions or requests information and I will try and get them answered.

Remember some day you will be riding in a group and hopefully the one next to you will be thinking the same safe and proper way of doing things. Education is the only way standards are passed on.

#### SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

1) Four wheels move the body. Two wheels move the soul.

2) Most motorcycle problems are caused by the nut that connects the handlebars to the saddle.

3) Life may begin at 30, but it doesn't get real interesting until about 90 mph!

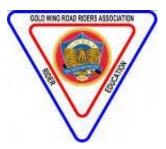
4) You start the game of life with a full pot o' luck and an empty

pot o' experience... The object is to fill the pot of experience before you empty the pot of luck.

5) If you wait, all that happens is that you get older.

6) Midnight bugs taste just as bad as noontime bugs.

- 7) Saddlebags can never hold everything you want, but they CAN hold everything you need.
- 8) It takes more love to share the saddle than it does to share the bed.
- 9) The only good view of a thunderstorm is in your rearview mirror.
- 10) Never be afraid to slow down.
- 11) Don't ride so late into the night that you sleep through the sunrise.
- 12) Sometimes it takes a whole tank full of fuel before you can think straight.
- 13) Riding faster than everyone else only guarantees you'll ride alone.
- 14) Never hesitate to ride past the last street light at the edge of town.
- 15) Never do less than forty miles before breakfast.
- 16) If you don't ride in the rain, you don't ride.
- 17) A bike on the road is worth two in the shed.
- 18) Respect the person who has seen the dark side of motorcycling and lived.
- 19) Young riders pick a destination and go... Old riders pick a direction and go.
- 20) A good mechanic will let you watch without charging you for it.





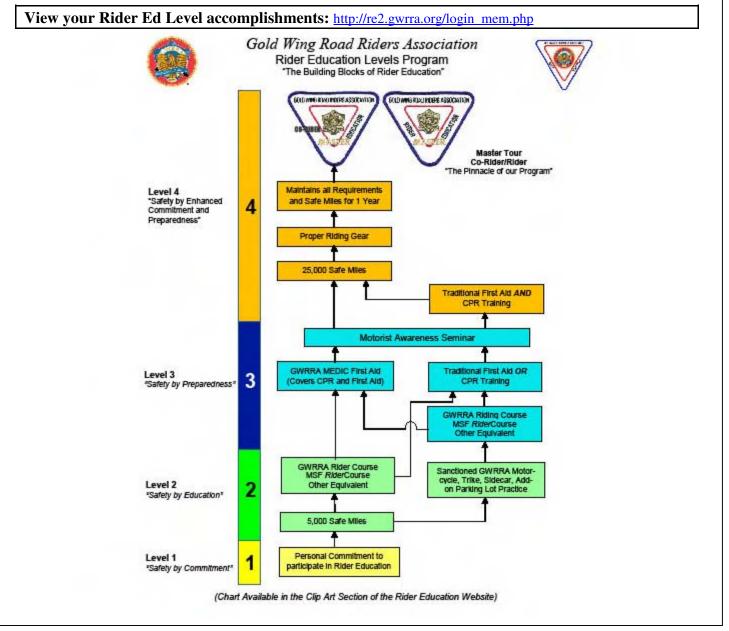
#### **Rider Education**



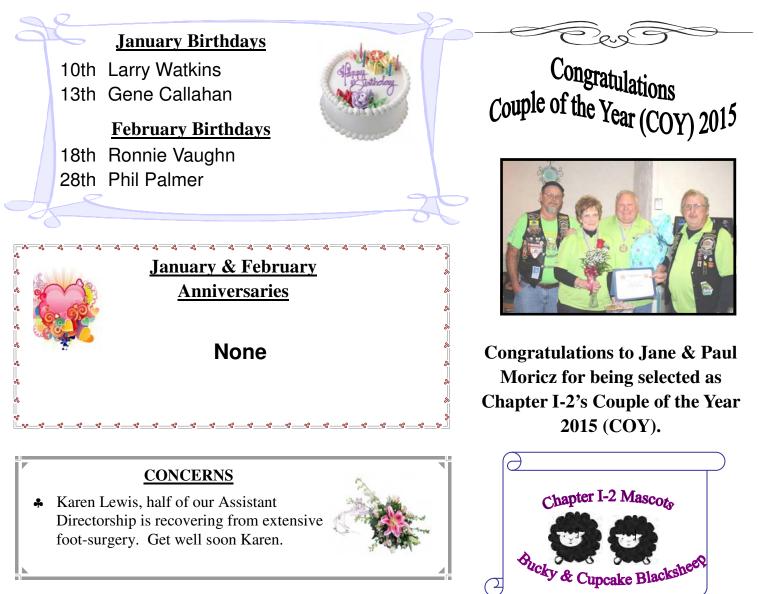
Seminars, and classes that are available at the Chapter Level.

- 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. 7. Road Captain Course
- 8. 8. Team Riding Seminar

- 9. 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. 14. "Going, Going, Gone"
- 15. 15. Trailering Seminar
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- 17. 17. "Think Motorcycles" ppt presentation



#### **Gold Wing Road Riders Association**



#### **CONDOLENCES**







Ga District, Chilly Willy & Officer's Conference, Jackson, GA	January, 16
Chapter S's Sweetheart Fun Day, Winder, GA	February 13
Florida District Convention, Kissimmee	March 17-19
Chapter T's Annual Fun Day, Commerce, GA	April 16
Georgia District Convention, Dalton, GA	April 21-23
Alabama District Convention, Eufaula, FL	May 19-21
South Carolina District Convention, Anderson, SC	July 14-16
Wing Ding 38, Billings, MT	Aug-31- Sept-3
Region "A" Convention, Eufaula, AL	October 27-29

- Jan 1 "New Years Day" Lunch Ride to "Wendell's Country Restaurant", open 7 days a week, to serve you "Country Cookin' just like Grandma used to make". 5012 Helen Hwy. Sautee, GA. Meet at 10:30 the Exxon Sta. Lavonia, Ga.
- Jan 23 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 "Chilly Willy" & "Officer's Conference" on the 16th.
- Jan 16 "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 30 Chapter I-2 Lunch or Dinner Ride, Location and Times to be decided.
- Feb 13 Chapter S "Sweetheart Fun Day". Midway Christian Church, 1406 Hog Mountain Road, Winder, GA.
- Feb 20 Chapter I-2 Gathering at "Shoney's". Eat at 11am, Meeting 12-1pm
- Feb 27 Chapter I-2 Lunch or Dinner Ride, Location and Times to be decided.
- March 19 Chapter I-2 Gathering at "Shoney's". Eat at 11am, Meeting 12-1pm.
- March 26 Chapter I-2 Lunch or Dinner Ride, Location and Times to be decided.
- April 16 "GA Chapter T's 2016 Fun-Day" at Blacks Creek Baptist Church 3754 Blacks Creek Church Road Commerce, GA 10am until 1pm.

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- April 16 We'll not have our regular Chapter I-2 Gathering at "Shoney's" this month. Instead we will visit Chapter T for their 2016 Fun-Day. Leave Lavonia Exxon at 9:00am for Blacks Creek Baptist Church, 3754 Blacks Creek Church Road Commerce, GA 10am until 1pm.
- April 21-23 2016 GWRRA Georgia District WING FLING,"The Brothers Grimm", Northwest Georgia Trade and Convention Center 2211 Dug Gap Battle Rd., Dalton, GA 30720.
- April 23 Chapter I-2 Lunch or Dinner Ride, Location and Times to be decided.
- May 21 Chapter I-2 Gathering at "Shoney's". Eat at 11am, Meeting 12-1pm.
- May 28 Memorial Day "Motorist Awareness 2016" campaign at the "Georgia / South Carolina I-85 "Welcome Center".
- May 28 Chapter I-2 Dinner Ride, following the "Motorist Awareness" campaign, Location T.B.A.
- June 18 Chapter I-2 Gathering at "Shoney's". Eat at 11am, Meeting 12-1pm.
- June 25 Chapter I-2 Lunch or Dinner Ride, Location and Times to be decided.
- July 14-16 South Carolina District 2016 Convention, "Civic Center of Anderson" 3027 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd Anderson, SC.
- July 15 Chapter I-2 day-ride to SC District Rally, 2016. Civic Center of Anderson, SC. Leave Exxon at 9:00am.
- July16 Chapter I-2 Gathering at "Shoney's". Eat at 11am, Meeting 12-1pm
- July 23 Chapter I-2 Lunch or Dinner Ride, Location and Times to be decided.
- August 20 Chapter I-2 Gathering at "Shoney's". Eat at 11am, Meeting 12-1pm.
- August 27 Chapter I-2 Lunch or Dinner Ride, Location and Times to be decided.
- August 31-Sept 3 Wing Ding 38, Billings, Montana.
- Sept. 19 Chapter I-2 Gathering at "Shoney's". Eat at 11am, Meeting 12-1pm.
- Sept 22-24 "Wings Over The Smokies 33". The rally for 2016 will be held on Sept 22nd-24th, 2016 in Cherokee, NC.
- Sept 23 Chapter Day-Ride to "Wings Over The Smokies", Cherokee, NC. We will leave Lavonia Exxon at 8:00 am. Come ready to ride.
- Sept 24 Chapter I-2 Lunch or Dinner Ride, Location and Times to be decided.
- October 27-29 **Region ''A'' 2016 Convention,** LAKEPOINT STATE PARK RESORT LODGE, Eufaula, AL.
- November 12 Ga District 2016 Wind Down. Location to be determined.
- No Chapter I-2 Gathering at "Shoney's" for November and December.



# Chapter Classifieds Bike & Non-Bike Items

Updated: February 16, 2016

1. For sale 2004 <u>Honda</u> Gold Wing with <u>Champion</u> trike kit, 71,000 mi., CB, <u>Diamond</u> Seat, LED lights, and more. Well maintained. 2 full-face <u>Nolan</u> helmets, all riding gear, and 2001 black <u>Escapade</u> trailer. Always garaged kept. \$18,000.00 or best offer. Contact Mike Fields at 706-202-4535, or at <u>fieldsmike@bellsouth.net</u>.. See picture below.



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.

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

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

# **MIKE'S TRIKE**







## **RALLY SITE**

Northwest Georgia Trade and Convention Center 2211 Dug Gap Battle Rd., Dalton, GA 30720 (706) 272-7676

www.nwgtcc.com You must be fully registered for the rally to make your reservations. In order to receive the GWRRA rate, tell the hotel you are with GWRRA and give them your assigned number.

#### **HOST HOTEL**

Courtyard by Marriott 785 College Drive Dalton, GA 30720 706-275-7215

#### ALTERNATE ACCOMMODATIONS

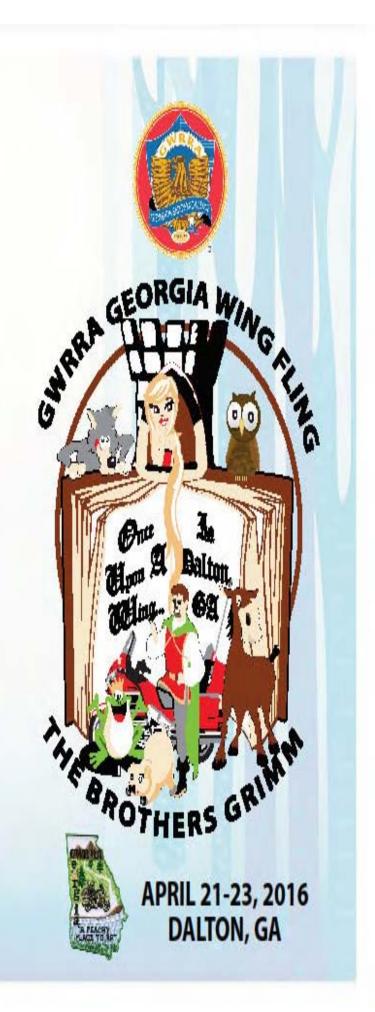
Comfort Inn and Suites 905 West Bridges Road, Dalton GA 30720 706-259-2583

> Quality Inn 875 College Drive Dalton, GA 30720 706-278-0500

CAMPING INFORMATION Calhoun A-OK Campground 2523 Redbud Rd. NE Calhoun, GA 30701 www.calhounaokcampground.com 706-629-7511

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Larry & Pamela Clemmer 770-210-8652 –Email: GeorgiaDD@gwrra-ga.com

Make your checks payable to: GEORGIA GWRRA and mail your registration to: Lawana Woodard 345 Autumn Lake Drive, McDonough GA. 30253 770-310-8280 lawanag@hotmail.com



#### 2016 Georgia District Rally Schedule

#### Thursday, April 21, 2016

- ③ 8:00-9:00am District Team Meeting (Room C-1)
- 10:00am-5:00pm Hospitality Room (Exhibit Hall #1)
- 10:00am-5:00pm Registration (Lower Concourse)
- ① 10:00am-5:00pm Ticket Sales (Lower Concourse)
- Index 10:00am-4:00pm (Index Games (Room B-1))
- ④ 10:00am-5:00pm Vendors (Exhibit Hall 1)
- ④ 10:00-2:00 Escorted Mountain Ride (Parking Lot)
- ① 10:00-5:00 Fun Activity Area (Lower Course)
- 2:00-3:00pm Bingo (Room C-II and C-III)
- ⊕ <del>4:00-5:</del>00pm Couple of the Year Social (TBD)
- ⊕ 4:30-5:00pm Game Prize Pick Up and Dwarf Drawing (Room B-I))
- ④ 6:00pm Dinner (Ballroom)
- ③ 7:00pm Costume Contest (Ballroom)

#### Friday, April 22, 2016

- 8:30am-5:00pm Hospitality Room (Exhibit Hall #1)
- 8:30am-5:00pm Registration (Lower Concourse)
- 8:30am-5:00pm Ticket Sales (Lower Concourse)
- ⊕ 8:30am-4:00pm Indoor Games (Room B-1)
- 8:30am-5:00pm Vendors (Exhibit Hall #1)

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- 8:30am-5:00pm Fun Activity Area (Lower Course)
- 9:00am- 12:00 Talent Show Practice (Ballroom)
- ④ 9:00am -2:00pm Escorted Mountain Rides (Parking Lot)
- ④ 9:00am-2:00pm (Riding Poker Run (Lower Concourse))
- ① 10:00-11:00am RE class (Room C-II)
- ④ 10:00-11:00am MEC/OMT (Room CIII)
- ① 11:00-12:00 am, RE class (Room C-II)
- ⊕ 11:00-12:00am MEC/OMT (Room CIII)
- ① 1:00am-2:00pm RE Class (Room C-II)
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- ⊕ 2:00-3:00pm Bingo (Room C-II and C-III)
- ⊕ 4:30-5:00pm Game Prize Pick Up and Dwarf Drawing (Room B-1)
- ④ 6:30pm- Until District Directors Challenge & Talent Show (Ballroom)
- After Talent Show Line up for Lighted Bike Parade (Parking Lot)
- After Talent Show Escorted Lighted Bike Rarade to Sonics

#### Saturday, April 23, 2016

- 8:00am-8:30am District Team Meeting (Room C-1)
- 8:30am-2:00pm Hospitality Room (Exhibit Hall #1)
- 8:30am-2:00pm Registration (Lower Concourse)
- 8:30am-2:00pm Ticket Sales (Lower Concourse)
- 8:30am-12:30pm Indoor Games (Room B-I)
- ③ 8:00am-2:00pm Vendors (Exhibit Hall #1)
- 8:30 am- 2:00 pm Fun Activity Area (Lower Course)

- ④ 9:00am -2:00pm Escorted Mountain Rides
- 9:00am-2:00pm Riding Poker Run (Lower Concourse)
- ④ 9:00-10:30am Mascot / Scrapbook Judging (TBD)
- 9:00-10:30am Castle Judging (TBD)
- 9:00-10:30am Photo Judging (TBD)
- ④ 9:00-11:00am Bike Display (Parking Lot)
- ① 10:00-11:00am Banner Judging (TDB)
- ④ 10:00-11:00am RE class (Room C-II)
- ③ 10:00-11:00am MEC/OMT (Room CIII)
- I1:00-12:00am RE class (Room C-II)
- ① 11:00-12:00am MEC/OMT (Room CIII)
- ① 12:30-1:00pm Game Prize Pick Up (Room B-1)
- 1:00am-2:00pm MEC/OMT Class (Room C-III)
- 11:00am-12:00pm Chapter Pride & Chapter Shirt (Ballroom)
- ⊕ 1:00pm-2:00pm RE Class (Room C-II)
- 1:00pm-2:00pm MEC/OMT Class (Room C-III)
- 1:00pm-2:00pm Drill Team
- ⊕ 1:00pm-3:30pm Order of the Red Spoon Ride (Parking lot)
- ⊕ 2:00pm Couple of the Year Basket Drawing (Room B-I)
- ⊕ 2:00-3:00pm Bingo (Room C-II and C-III)
- 4:00pm Closing Ceremonies (Ballroom)

# Southern-Bell Drawing Pre-Register to Win a Free **Riverboat Dinner & Sunset** Cruise for two on Chattanooga's SOUTHERN BELLE **\$75** towards hotel cost included. Two other prizes of two tickets each to sightseeing cruise.

Must be pre-registered by March 31<sup>st</sup> to win!



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# February 2016

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Valentine's Day ♦	Presidents' Day ♦ United Sta			Ronnie Vaughn's Birthday		<ul> <li>11:00AM - 1:00PM Chapter I-2 Monthly Gathering (Shoney's, Lavonia, Ga.)</li> </ul>
14	15	16	17	18	19	Lavonia, Ga.)
						<b>Chapter I-2 Lunch or </b> Lc
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Phil Palmer's Birthday						
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	1	2	3	4	5
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Daylight Savings Time B	Frank Crane Birthday	15	16	17	18	<ul> <li>11:00AM - 1:00PM Chapter I-2 Monthly Gathering (Shoney's, Lavonia, Ga.)</li> </ul>
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Easter Day  United States	28	29	30	Shane Funderburke's Bi	1	2



# Goldwing Road Riders Association GEORGIA DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

#### FEBRUARY 2016

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# **CHILLY WILLY! Officer's Conference**

Thank all of you for attending the annual Chilly Willy event at Buckner's Restaurant in Jackson, Georgia. We had representatives from 18 of our 19 Georgia chapters.

We had a good time visiting and everyone received a door prize ticket when they signed in so we had 10 happy winners! We also had a 50/25/25 giveaway and Chapter A won Chilly Willy the penguin for this year's safekeeping and a \$50 Dairy Queen gift card for having the largest attendance. It was close! Two other chapters were just short of the 24 from Chapter A. Let's don't forget the Chapter of the Year! That went to Georgia I-2. Congratulations!

After a fine meal at Buckner's and the activities for everyone, the officer's went inside for the District Officer's Conference. Each officer gave a report of their goals and any changes made for the coming year. We handed out information packages including a letter and information from your Directors, and flyers for chapter fun days and the district rallies. We also included rules for the various contests at Wing Fling 2016.



Larry & Pamela Clemmer Georgia District Directors

We are sending out an update to the Chapter Directors on the Talent Show criteria, so watch for it!

Thanks to you the members for coming and thanks to our Team for a job well done!

> Larry and Pamela Clemmer Georgia District Directors



Wing Ding 38 in Billings will be hosting a new Evening Entertainment Event – GWRRA's Got Talent! This night will be the grand finale of Talent Shows throughout the year among the Regions. Each Region will submit their 1st place winner and an optional runner-up from their perspective Region Rallies. The Event Management Team (EMT) will then organize the acts and produce the Finale of GWRRA's Got Talent. This will allow your Region to capture the Title of GWRRA's Got Talent! The structure of GWRRA's Got Talent will mimic the TV Show - America's Got Talent. Prizes: 1st Place - \$500.00 and GWRRA's Got Talent Trophy 2nd Place - \$250.00 3rd Place - \$100.00

The following criteria will be used to judge the Talent Show at our 2016 Wing Fling: Talent, Costumes, Creativity/Originality andConcurrence with Rally Theme. We know you have talent. Now get out there and show it! Contact ???? at email address for more information and to see how to participate.



**Ray & Sandy Garris** *Directors of GWRRA* 

Hi to all,

Sandi and I are very sorry to announce that John & Barb Pons will be resigning from their position for family reasons. We are so sad to see them leave this position but fully understand where family priorities need to be in our lives. We all owe this incredible volunteer couple so much in GWRRA. They have made major contributions to virtually every part of the Member Enhancement Program. Along with their outstanding Assistants and staff they have helped improve almost the entire MEP Program. We sincerely thank them for being such an important part of TEAM GWRRA.

Please join us in thanking them for their outstanding service and dedication. You won't have to say good-bye though as they are still going to stay active with their Chapter. They have also promised to help us train their replacements. Because of this important consideration from them, you will see a very smooth transition in MEP.

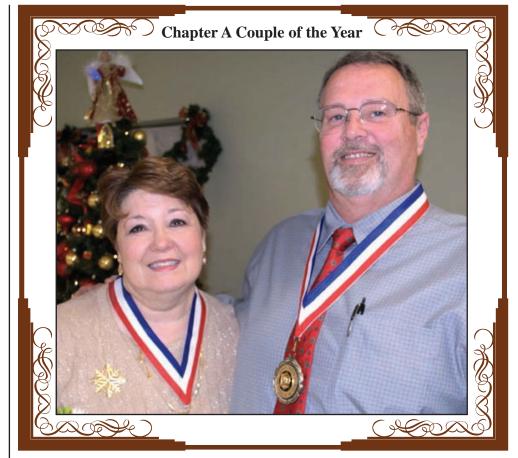
We now must look forward and carefully select a new National Director of Membership Enhancement. If you are interested in being considered for this position, please forward your request in writing along with a brief resume to me as soon as possible.

Again, thanks Barb & John for all that you have for our Members and many contributions to our Association.

Ray & Sandi Garris Directors of GWRRA



KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS Sheree Bryant Hausser -GA-A Larry Clemmer - Georgia District Director



Nathan & Beverly met while attending church in Forest Park, GA. As single parents, they were encouraged by their four young children to attend a special family service on Christmas Day so they could all sit together. Two years later, they were married in October 1990...twenty-five years ago. Now they have four grown children and eight grandchildren scattered in Georgia, Alabama, and South Carolina. Nathan grew up in Fayetteville, GA and Beverly is from the Pittsburgh, PA area.

Nathan has been riding motorcycles from an early age, racing with his father and older brother. He has owned various makes and models but always dreamed of owning the Cadillac of all...a Gold-Wing! During a low slump in his first marriage, he was resigned to selling his bike and was bikeless for several years. Even when times got better, he "threatened" to forget about the bills and buy a new bike instead. Finally in 2001, he declared that he was serious about making "his move" and he purchased a 2001 Yamaha Roadstar. Even though Beverly had ridden on her brother's Honda, Nathan preferred to ride solo and was a part of three different riding groups. After friends encouraged Beverly to join them, he realized how much she enjoyed motorcycles and started to consider a cruiser for better two-up comfort. They stopped to pick up a brochure at a local Yamaha dealer and came home with a 2003 Yamaha Venture...much better suited for the two of them. But the GoldWing dream was still there!

While on a charity poker ride that made a stop at a local Honda dealership, the itch got stronger. Within two weeks, a 2005 GoldWing GL1800 was in the garage! Not only did the color go from black to white but the difference in handling went from black to white. They continue to enjoy their dream bike and have recently added lots of bling.

The Ensleys have been a part of Chapter A since 2003. They were invited by former members, Ray & Daphne Keys, but did not officially join until 2005 when they purchased their GoldWing. They attend as many meetings and rides as possible and love to get away for Spring rides and weekends. Nathan enjoys being Tail Gunner, occasional Ride Captain, Photographer, and BBQ Chef. Beverly has held the Secretary position since June 2014 and writes regular articles for the chapter newsletter. She has been involved with decorating for Fun Days and Christmas parties. She and ALF have become buddies lately, with ALF now living in their Stockbridge home.

Together, the three of them will continue to be involved whenever possible...as 2016 Couple of the Year and Chapter A mascot.

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#### What's Up For February?



Jim & Dee Allen Georgia District Trainers

We're looking forward to February and the beginning of Fun Days! The Sweetheart Fun Day is everyone's favorite and is held in Winder, Georgia. It will be hosted by Chapter S. Bring your Sweetheart and have some fun. They are planning to begin at 10AM with lots of games and fellowship. They will also have a 50/25/15/10, which is always fun and promises that someone will take home some money.

Planning for upcoming events is easy! You can either log on to www.gwrra-ga. com and go to the events tab or check out the calendar in this issue. Offered as well on the website, is a schedule of upcoming training that you can also make plans for. We plan to offer the Chapter Leadership Skills Program on March 13th, 2016 at the Paulding Chamber of Commerce in Dallas, GA. We're planning to have a really FUN time. If you have never been to this venue, it's really easy to find. Chapter B-2 has been nice enough to sponsor this event and we're looking forward to seeing them again.

So, if we don't see you in Lavonia, we hope to see you in Dallas! Safe riding to you all.

*Jim and Dee Allen* Master Trainers, Georgia District Trainers

GWRRA Rider Education has tradition-

ally encouraged members to obtain and

maintain certifications in First Aid and CPR

basic skills are easily learned, but may make

the difference between life and death in the

critical minutes before professional help can

referred to as Certified Tour Rider/Co-Rider. It represents the commitment of the Rider

and/or Co-Rider to be prepared in the event

of an accident to give aid and possibly save

lives. This is done by being knowledgeable

in First Aid or CPR and carrying a first aid

Level III of the Rider Ed Program is also

(Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation).

arrive.

#### Announcing 2016 Couples of the Year

We attended Chilly Willy and the Officers' Conference last weekend at Buckner's Family Restaurant in Jackson. As usual, the food was delicious and plentiful. There were several door prizes given out, and 2 people won \$131 in the 50/25/25. The conference went very well and was only 2 hours long. There was some good information given out to the Chapter Directors for them to take back to their members.

Are you ready for Wing Fling, the Georgia District Rally? It will be held in Dalton, GA this year. The venue is the Northwest Georgia Trade and Convention Center. It will be indoors in air conditioned comfort and over 20 vendors will be there.

It's right around the corner, April 21 - 23. Your district team has been hard at work making sure everything is ready for you. We will have a talent show, Chapter Director Challenge, Rapunzel's Tower, costume contest, newsletter & web page contest and other exciting activities. We will have a First Aid Class. There will be a catered dinner on Thursday night. You will have the chance to win some great door prizes and there will be two \$500 Grand Prizes.

Rally pins will be given to the first 250 pre-registered attendees, so get your registration in now. Go to the Georgia District website www.gwrra-ga.com and click on "Coming Events" and then "Flyer" beside the Georgia District Rally line.





**Vance & Fern Oakes** Asst. District Directors West/ Couple of the Year Coordinators

#### Georgia District has 9 Chapter Couples of the Year for 2016. They are:

Chapter A – Nathan & Beverly Ensley
Chapter B – Julio & Judith Feliciano
Chapter B2 – Mac & Deborah Strickland
Chapter D – Rex & Nancy Abbott
Chapter J – Nestor & Iris Morin
Chapter L – Durwood & Miriam Mills
Chapter Q – Jack Frederick & Karen Falter
Chapter S – Joe & Janel Piper
Chapter T – Gary & Debbie Lewis

We will introduce 1 of these couples each month. See Chapter A's Couple elsewhere in the newsletter.

In addition, Chapter D has named an Individual of the Year – Kyle Tolkacevic.

We will be meeting with each of the Couples to get to know them and to answer any questions they may have about the Couple of the Year program.

> Vance & Fern Oakes District COY Coordinators

#### Keep An Eye Out for New Classes

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kit on their motorcycle at all times.

It would be wonderful if we could achieve the coveted goal of zero accidents, however, we know realistically, accidents will happen. Because of this, it is important to be fully prepared to lend aid to unfortunate accident victims. It is important to always be prepared to save a life. Being trained to render CPR or First Aid is a tremendous asset.

> Frank & Melinda Brothers Rider Educators, Medic First Aid



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#### YOU'RE INVITED!

Make plans and register now for the Georgia Wing Fling/The Brother's Grimm in Dalton, GA on April 21-23.

We're planning for 3 days of all out fun at the all indoor rally. Vendors have been chosen to set up shop and sell their wares at the Northwest GA Trade & Convention Center. Come pick up a one-of-a-kind gift that special rider in your life, or better yet, bring a visitor to the show for a fun day of prizes and entertainment!

Those who register by March 31, 2016 will be able to enjoy a catered dinner on Thursday night. Remember, you must pre-register to be a part of this function! See the District Website for more information.

We're looking forward to a great time!

**Georgia Traveler's Plaque:** Chapter GA-A was presented with the new Traveler's Plaque in 2015 at Wind Down and will be holding the first Plaque Attack on JANUARY 30, 2016 at Southern Cooking Restaurant, 715 Industrial Blvd McDonough, GA 30253. 770-292-0270. Registration will be held from 1PM - 2PM with Plaque Giveaway at 2:30PM. A 50/25/25 Drawing will be held.

**The Georgia Hot Potato**—Was last seen at Wind Down. Look out for the Hot Potato! You could be the next in line!

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Feb. 13 Chapter S Sweetheart Fun Day Winder, GA

Mar. 17-19 Florida District Rally Orlando FL

> April 16 Chapter T Fun Day

Apr. 21-23 Georgia District Rally Dalton GA

Jul. 14-16 South Carolina Rally Anderson, SC

Oct.. 13-15 Mississippi District Rally Gulfport MS

> Aug. 31-Sept 3 Wing Ding Billings, MT



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	24	17	10	3	WED
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	27 GA-B-2 Eat 8:00AM Meet 9:00AM GA-E-2 Eat 3:00PM Meet 4:00PM	20 11AM-1PM GA-J 11AM-1PM GA-A 5PM-7PM GA-C-2 5PM-7PM	13 GA-D Eat 10:00AM Meet 11:00AM	6 GA-R Eat 8:30AM Meet 10:00AM	SAT

Chapters frequently have had changes in meeting locations and time. Since this is the month of December, most Chapters will be having their Christmas Parties and not a gathering. 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.

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