2013 Ga. District Chapter of the Year





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Director's Notes



FRIENDS FOR FUN, SAFETY AND KNOWLEDGE

We had a great meeting June 21st with 20 members attending.

Out dinner ride to Wendell's and the to get ice Cream turned out to be a great day we had 20 for lunch and 2 visitors.

The meal was great and the Ice Cream was good too!! Even if we did have to ride in the rain a little on the way back home.

We will be riding to Chapter A after the meeting on Saturday hope all can ride and visit and get your vitiation bars.

Our lunch ride Saturday July 26 will be to Maggie Valley NC. We will be visiting the Wheels of Time Museum.

We will leave Lavonia Exxon at 8 am, and will have a picnic lunch in Maggie valley. So pack your Lunch, the chapter will supply the drinks. Come and have a great day riding in the North Carolina Mountains.

We will stop on the way back for dinner somewhere along the way.

Ride Safe

Frank Brothers Senior Director





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Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge

Congratulations to: Bill and Betty Livingston, Frank and Melinda Brothers and Pat and Craig Whitehouse on receiving their Senior Chapter Director Certificate and Patches.





Frank and Melinda we are very proud to have you as our Directors, and Leaders. The Chapter has flourished due to your dedication. Congratulations from your Chapter; the recognition as "Senior Directors" is well deserved.

Gold Wing Road Rider Association, Georgia District, Chapter I-2, selected as Chapter of the Year 2013.

Chapter Director, Frank Brothers (right) accepts the honors for Chapter I-2, based in Lavonia Ga, for all their participation, and efforts that earned the recognition of Chapter of the Year. Our organization's motto is *Friends* for Fun, Safety, and Knowledge. This being said, our primary goals are to promote motorcycle safety by education of our riders, and encourage Motorist Awareness of motorcycles to all drivers, bikers, and non-bikers.





Larry Crouse Chapter Rider Educator





TOPIC: Do You Ride with the Right Attitude?

When you decide to take your motorcycle out for a ride, what are you thinking about? Where is your attention?

Are you thinking about the things you will be doing when you get to work? Is your mind playing with the words you could have said, or should have said in the debate with your boss or your spouse earlier in the day? In short, where is your head at when you saddle up? Each and every time you throw a leg over your motorcycle it matters what you are thinking about. Whether you are simply commuting to work on your motorcycle to reduce fuel costs, or you are heading out on a week-long vacation on two-wheels, your mental attitude plays a big role in how safe you will be on the road, and how much you will enjoy the ride.

Riding a motorcycle is an activity that is 80% to 90% mental while the rest is physical. When you are thinking about the job on your way to work, or going over the list of errands you need to complete, or just letting your mind drift as you idle down to the end of your driveway, your level of safety is reduced. You need to shift your attitude and focus only on the ride to insure an incident free trip.

So how do you make the shift from thinking about daily issues to the ride at hand? Establish a routine that you will go through before every ride. Start by evaluating the condition of your motorcycle as you walk up to it. Do a mental T-CLOCS. Look at the tires as you approach (inflated, tread, visible damage). Are there any oily or wet spots on the ground under your bike (where did it come from, is it safe to ride)? And try to be conservative when you answer these questions to yourself. Keep your eyes open for anything amiss. Then, if everything looks okay, gear up. (Of course, you should do a physical T-CLOCS regularly, too, especially before starting a long ride!)

Next step, finish donning your protective outer layer. Most of us put on our gear in the same sequence every time. Long pants and boots are usually put on in the house. Out at the bike, your jacket, helmet, eye protection, and gloves complete the process. Consider the weather and make sure you have packed any other gear you may need before the ride is over.

Put the key in the ignition and start the bike. While the engine warms, check the fuel level. Determine how far you will be able to go before you need to stop for a fill-up. Do you know the route you plan to take? Do you have all the necessary information with you to get you where you want to go? Good.

With those aspects considered, you are ready to focus on the journey. Now, when you shift your bike into gear, shift your brain into "active rider mode" because nothing else matters now except your safety. All your thoughts should be about the ride you are beginning. Your eyes should be active and scanning your surroundings *-aggressively!* Look for potential hazards that might cause you to change your speed (by (braking or accelerating), to change direction (by swerving or turning), or to communicate to other road users. A wave of the hand, a flash of your high beams, or a toot of your horn *tells* others that you are there. Make sure they are aware of you.

All the while your mind should be translating the inputs from your eyes and ears into pictures of things that might happen next Evaluate in your mind what your response would be to each of the possibilities. When a hazard comes up, keep your options open until you have to choose one - the best one - the one that lets you avoid the hazard safely and without any drama. This is riding with the right attitude - the attitude that your job is to ride safely until you park your bike and remove the key from the ignition. Develop a routine like this for yourself and every ride you take will be a safer and more pleasing ride.



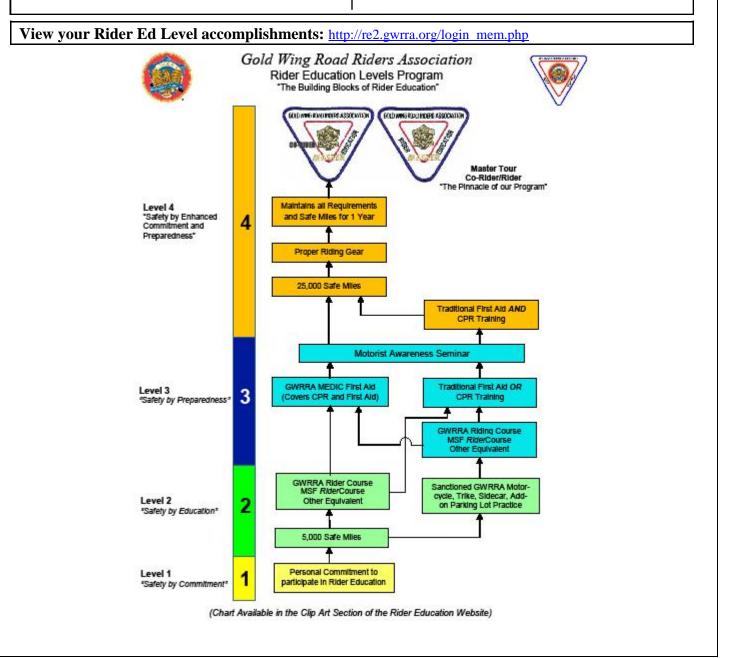
Rider Education



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
- 16. 16. Why_Motorist_Awareness_1_2013.ppt
- 17. 17. "Think Motorcycles" ppt presentation





Jeanna Phillips Motorist Awareness Coordinator





MOTORIST AWARENESS

Motorists need to be aware of how their actions can impact the safety of motorcyclists and learn to share the road safely with motorcyclists. A large portion of motorcycle crashes involve two key components: poor speed and spatial judgment of other drivers and poor motorcyclist conspicuity.

Safety Tips for Motorists

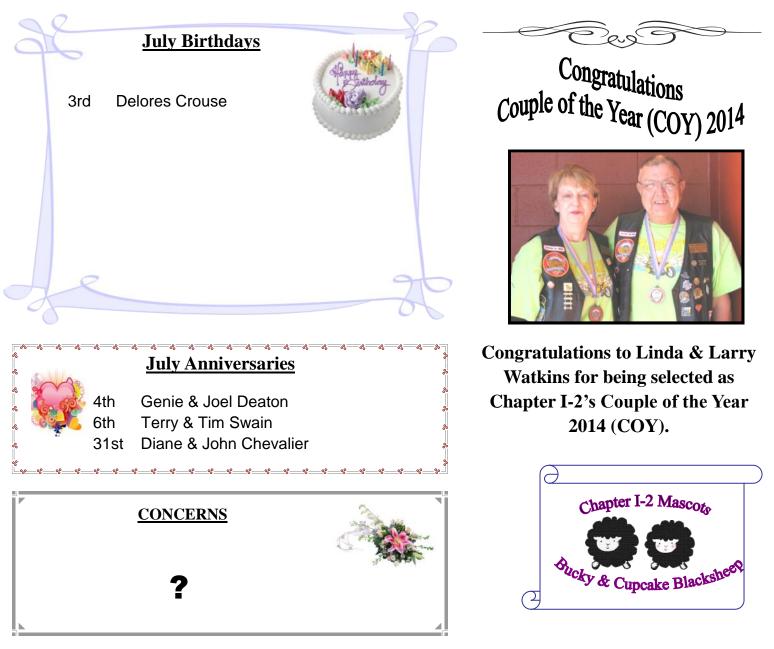
- Search the traffic around you constantly and expect to see motorcycles.
- Check your blind spots before changing lanes or merging, especially in heavy traffic.
- Double-check traffic at intersections before you turn or pull out.
- Motorcycles can easily be hidden in traffic. Look for a helmet above,
- • tires below, or a shadow alongside a vehicle that you can't see around.
- Leave at least a four-second distance between your car and a motorcycle in front of you. Note when a motorcycle passes a point in the road. If your vehicle passes the same point in less than four seconds, you're following too closely.
- When passing a motorcycle, give a full lane to the motorcycle. Do not share lanes!
- Keep a watchful eye at all times. Individual motorcycles may blend into a larger group and may be closer than you think.
- Watch out when turning left because most crashes between cars and motorcycles occur involve left turns at intersections.
- Stay attentive and focused because distracted driving is a major cause of car-motorcycle crashes.
- Make sure to always signal when changing lanes to ensure the motorcycle rider knows what action you intend to take.
- Remember that failing to yield right of way can result in the death or serious injury of a motorcyclist.
- Make sure to observe and obey all traffic laws, signs, and signals.

The Motorcycle Safety Foundation web site provides information for Car Drivers on <u>safety tips</u>, <u>facts and</u> <u>figures</u>, <u>video instruction</u>, and <u>additional resources</u> on how to safely share the road with motorcyclists.



Dress Loud & Ride Proud

Gold Wing Road Riders Association



CONDOLENCES

We were very saddened to hear of the death of Mancel Oliver, Linda Watkins Brother in-law. Mancel passed away Fri 6/20/2014. Please keep Linda And Larry in your thoughts and prayers.



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- July 19 Chapter I-2 Gathering at "Shoney's". Eat at 11am, Meeting 12-1pm. We will leave after the meeting to ride to Chapter A to meet with them Saturday afternoon at "Southern Cooking" 406 Highway 155 South, McDonough, GA.
- July 26 Chapter I-2 Visit and Picnic at "Wheels Through Time" Museum in Maggie Valley, NC. Leave Lavonia Exxon at 8:00am.
- 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.
- 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.

Florida District Convention, Kissimmee	March 20-22
Alabama District Convention, Mobile	April 3-5
South Carolina District Convention, Florence	May 1-3
Georgia District Convention, Dillard	June 12-14
Region "A" Convention, Eufaula, AL	September 11-13
Mississippi District Convention, Gulfport	October 16-18

- 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.....



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.
- 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.
- 4. New "Kuryakyn" rider backrest for GoldWing 1800. \$125.00. Contact Joe Colvard 706-988-9048.
- 5. "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.
- 6. 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 <u>ronniev@bellsouth.net</u>







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August 2014



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Gold Wing Road Riders Association

Georgia District

NEWSLETTER

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Rodeo Roundup!

Vicky and I must begin this month's newsletter article by saving Thank You to each and everyone that attended and participated at the Georgia District "Wing Fling" Rally! The entire District Team and the many volunteers helped make this event a success. If we tried to name everyone we might unintentionally miss someone, however please except our sincere thank you for volunteering. We could not have done it without your help. There were approximately 439 delegates in attendance. Thanks to vou the 2014 Georgia District Rally was once again a HUGE Success. We had 327 attend the Awesome Chuck Wagon Dinner provided by the Dillard House and the Dance & Costume Party on Thursday evening.

There were several that participated in the Rodeo Games & Chapter Challenge. Even though the big wooden horse shoes didn't hold up so good, we got through the Chapter Challenge and everyone seem to have a lot of FUN doing it. The Friday night Talent Show was outstanding! There were many acts—they were all good with the Ice Cream and Lighted Bike Show that followed, made for a wonderful evening of entertainment for all that attended.

Congratulations to: Bill and Betty Livingston, Frank and Melinda Brothers and Pat and Craig Whitehouse on receiving their Senior Chapter Director Certificate and Patches.

At closing ceremonies we announced a change in the District Team. Sherrel and Kay Davis have faithfully served the current District Team for the last three years as District Webmasters. They have decided to step down and enjoy their retirement traveling. We truly appreciate the great job that they have done and wish them the best in their travels. Well, when one steps down normally another takes their place and we are proud to announce that Garland and Charleen Dennis has accepted the position of Webmaster. Also Larry and Pam Clemmer have signed on with the District Team as Assistant District Directors. Please welcome Garland, Charleen, Larry and Pam as vour new District Team Members.

Now that the 2014 Georgia Wing Fling is in the history books, let's talk about 2015 Wing Fling. Wing Fling 2015 will be on June 18-20th; our Rally Theme is **Gold Wing** Dynasty *"It's* а Family Thang!" Focusing on Family, Friends and FUN! We hope that you will have fun with this theme and plan to join us next year. Unfortunately at the writing of this article we do not know where the 2015 Wing Fling will be held. We

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JULY 2014

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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-T** captured the plaque! It will be given away on Saturday, July 26th at the Madison Chop House, 202 South Main Street, Madison, GA 30650. Sign in from 11:00 AM—12:30 PM. Winner announced at 1:00 PM. *Region A Wanderer*: The Wanderer is in the possession of **Chapter GA-T** as well! It will be given away on July 26th, too. Same place and times as the Traveler's Plaque.

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are working with some different locations and will let everyone know as soon as we can confirm a location.

Wing Ding is just a few days away; we will soon be headed for Madison, WI. Remember, Georgia is responsible for ticket sales on Friday, July 4th from 9 am until 5 pm and we could use your help during this time. We will need 8-10 people to cover the tables at all times and there are 4 time slots of two hours each. We actually have a great time selling tickets and your help will be greatly appreciated. So, if you will be attending Wing

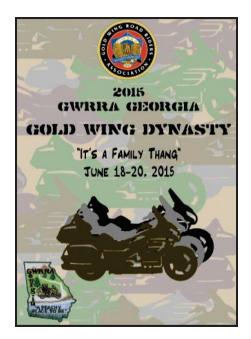
Ding, and can volunteer a couple of hours to help us sales tickets, please let us know so we can put you on the list. Email: georgiadd@gwrra-ga.com.

We hope to see you on the road soon,

Tommy & Vicky

Schedule of Events

- July 2-5-Wing Ding, Madison, WI
- July 26—Intermediate Leadership Program, Fayetteville
- August 16-GA-D Fun Day, Buford
- August 29 & 31—Weekend at the Opry, Nashville, TN
- September 11-13—Region A Convention/Rally, Eufaula, AL
- September 28—Advanced Leadership Program, Fayetteville
- October 4–GA-Q Dessert Auction & BBQ, Warner Robins
- October 16-18-Mississippi Convention/Rally, Gulfport
- October 25–GA-A's Fun Day, Forsyth
- March 19-21—Florida Convention/Rally, Kissimmee
- April 30-May 2—South Carolina District Convention/ Rally, Florence
- May 14-16—Alabama District Convention/Rally, Eufaula
- June 18-20—Georgia District Convention/Rally—Gold Wing Dynasty



July 2014



Sid and Donna Coh e n Assistant District Director/ Couple of the Year Coordinator

"One thing about the 'rallyvention' - the more your participate, the better time you will have."



Jim & Kay Elrod Assistant **District Director** Vendor Coordinator

REGION A & GEORGIA'S COUPLE OF THE YEAR

The Georgia "rallyvention" is now behind us. If you didn't make it to Dillard, you missed a great time. Attendance was up again and everyone seemed to have enjoyed themselves. One thing about the "rallyvention" - the more you participate, the better time you will have. The only drawback was we could not announce where the 2015 "rallyvention" will be held. The theme however was announced

and it will be "A Gold Wing Dynasty." The theme can be taken several ways so use your imagination. We will let everyone know the exactly location as soon as the location is secured.

We are now getting ready for the Region A "rallyvention" in Eufaula, Alabama on September 11th through 13th. The theme is Patriotic. We hope you are making plans to attend and support Georgia at the Region Couple of the Year selection on Friday September 12th. Your District Couple, Vance and Fern Oakes, are in the selection process and hope to bring it to Georgia. And when you see Vance around the district please congratulate him, he achieved his Master Tour Rider level.

Ride safe and often,

Sid & Donna

NEXT UP—WING DING!

Wow, what a great rally. show was the best ever. There was a great re-It's nice to know we have folks so much talent in the rethroughout Region A. The gion. vendors were pleased with The next event - Wing the results from our mem-

Ding 36 – is in Madison, Wisconsin. For those who are going to be attending,

please remember to hydrate and stay hydrated. Dehydration can hit you before you realize it. So be safe and stay hydrated.

Ride Safe and have Fun.

Jim & Kay

Congratulations to our 2014 **Couples of the Year!**

International -- Tommy & Gayle Wilson

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Region A-Buddy & Kim Summer Georgia District-Vance and

Fern Oates

GA-A-Don & Sharon Jenkins

GA-B2-Walter & Linda Wiggs GA-D-Mike & Nancy Lynbery

GA-H-Jeff & Maud Verner

GA-I2-Larry & Linda Watkins

GA-J-Mike & Peg Jones

GA-S-Glenn & Sherry Wisdom



Pamela Clemmer, GA Team/GA-A Sonny, brother of Peg Hopkins, GA Team/GA-A Joe Lindell, GA-A

Donald Taylor, GA-D Debra Roberts, GA-D Edith Roberts, mother of Bubba Roberts, GA-D Dawn Cail, GA-L

Among our sick

James Oliver, GA-L Grady Reiner, GA-S Terry Greer, GA-S Laura Sue Fleming