2013 Ga. District Chapter of the Year





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Director's Notes



FRIENDS FOR FUN, SAFETY AND KNOWLEDGE

Spring and warmer weather is just around the corner. I know that everyone is ready to enjoy the weather and ride.

We are in the need of someone to plan rides for the summer. If you are interested in doing this please let me know I have a lot of things going on and may not be able to do much ride planning. So please step up and help out.

At our February gathering we had 30 members attending, Roy & Julie Degler were there to present 7 Master Tour Rider patches.

I would like to congratulate those that chose to become Master Tour Riders.

We had a great turn out for our Lunch ride to Quincy's in Toccoa, with 14 members attending.

Our March Lunch ride will be to M&J Home Cooking and Country Buffet, Toccoa .

Our next Gathering will be April 19th at Shoney's.

Lunch ride April 26th to be decided later.

Hope everyone can come and ride.

As always, Ride safe and often!! Frank





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Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge

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.

Frank expresses our appreciation to our area Law Enforcement agencies for their support in our endeavors to help educate the public in the safe motorcycle riding, and being aware of the motorcyclist sharing the road. "Look Twice, and Save a Life"



From Left to right

Randy Shirley, Stephens Co. Sheriff, Steve Thomas, Franklin Co. Sheriff, Frank Brothers, Director, GA-I2, Bruce Carlisle, Lavonia Chief of Police, Donnie Bolemon, Royston Chief of Police.



Larry Crouse Chapter Rider Educator





Rider Course Season ERC, ARC, TRC & SRC

How about that! March is here already and while those in the southern states have been riding for a few weeks now, those in the north can realistically begin thinking about clear roads and warm temperatures. At least warm enough to encourage us to unplug the Battery Tender, bundle up in full gear, and take the steed out of the stable for the first ride of the season on the next bright sunny day.

Okay, maybe I am rushing it a bit for some of you, eh? But where you live, the beginning of the riding season is a good time to think about signing up for a rider course. What better way to refresh yourself mentally and physically of the skills it takes to ride safely and with confidence? I like to think of rider courses as a kind of insurance. But this is the kind of insurance that helps prevent accidents instead of paying for the damages after the fact. The return on the investment can be much greater than you realize compared to the other kind of insurance. You might even say it is priceless!!

So what if the course is not offered right in your own backyard an you have a bit of a ride to get there?? Sounds like a good reason for a chapter ride. In fact, you could practice team riding both ways-there and back. Maybe spend the night near the training site, if it makes sense. This could help you get the season off to a great start if you enroll in one of the early courses. Remember, the chapter that trains together,uh....has a lot of trained riders II! Right?

Seriously, we can all improve our riding skills. Even if you have taken the Motorcycle Safety Foundation's Experienced Rider Course (ERC) every year for the last 10 years, there is something you will learn, or relearn, from one of our rider training courses. I say that with confidence because there is now a new course available for those experienced and frequently trained riders among us that are looking for something different. The new class is the Advanced Rider Course (ARC). This is a rider course developed by GWRRA for its members. The class includes new exercises found only in this class. And they were designed specifically to help you deal with real-world riding situations. If you can ace this class, then you have some riding skills to be proud of I!! That is not to say only the best riders should take this class. Quite the opposite is true. Every motorcycle rider among us is eligible for this class and capable of completing it. (Sorry, the ARC is only for 2-wheelers.) Remember that there is no pass/fail criteria in these classes !!!!!



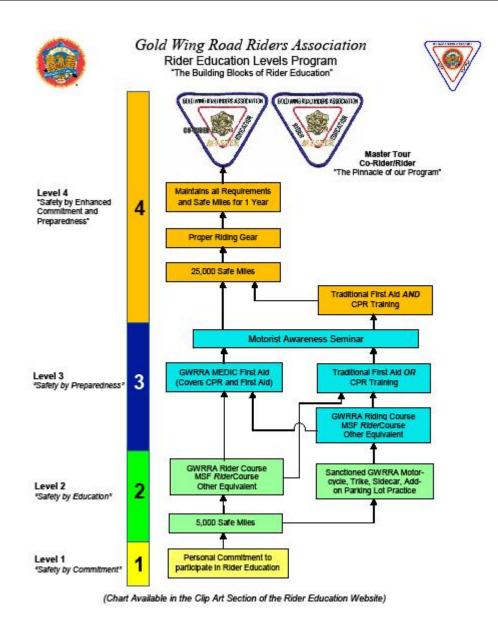
Rider Education



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. "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. "Think Motorcycles" ppt presentation





Jeanna Phillips Motorist Awareness Coordinator





A GWRRA Challenge

May is Motorist Awareness month. Let's do not limit sharing to one month or even one awareness event a year Most Wingers and fellow motorcyclist ride year round. With all the social media and the voices of each person in this organization, we can impact lives daily. Level (1) in our safety program we commitment to riding safely. Will you also commit to helping motorist be aware of motorcyclist? Our motto: *Friends for Fun, Safety, and Knowledge*. By educating the public another life could be saved. A chapter member shared a newspaper police report article with me. A 17 year old driving an automobile turned left in front of a 50 plus year old motorcyclist resulting in another fatality and a teenager's life changed for ever. While it can be exciting to have a particular brand or style of motorcycle, hopefully we don't get caught up in brand-ism or loyalties to a particular make, style or even the type of bike we ride. This seemly innocent thought process can cause us to be prideful and also judgmental toward others who do not fit our mold. These thought processes can invade other areas such as who we talk to about motorist awareness, who we ride with and the list could go on and on. Bottom line is this can cripple us and others, in our sharing with everyone we come in contact with to **Watch Out For Motorcyclists!** Friends let's have fun sharing, in motorist awareness and increase the knowledge of others as well.

Gold Wing Road Riders Association

March Birthdays

14th Frank Crane23rd Terry Swain

31st Shane Funderburke



March Anniversaries

25th Shane & Sally Funderburke

CONCERNS

Larry Watkins' is recovering from shoulder replacement surgery on the 20th of February. He's doing great but will be enduring physical therapy over the next few weeks.

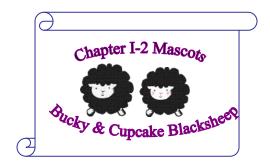


Louise Lewis, Ronnie Lewis's mother is still experiencing medical issues. Please keep her and her family in your thoughts, and prayers.

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).





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-Ride to "Quincy's of Toccoa", 605 Big A Rd, Toccoa, Ga. Leave Lavonia Exxon at 10:30am.
- March 15 Chapter I-2 Gathering at "Shoney's". Eat at 11am, Meeting 12-1pm.
- March 22 Chapter I-2 Lunch-Ride to "M&J Home Cooking and Country Buffet", Toccoa Ga. Leave Lavonia Exxon at 10:30am.
- 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 24 Proposed Memorial Day "Motorist Awareness" campaign at the "Georgia / South Carolina I-85 "Welcome Center".
- May 24 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.

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- 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.
- 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,	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



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.
- 4. 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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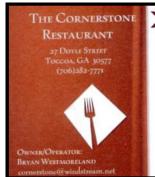
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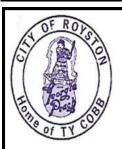
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Opportunities Are Coming!

We hope that everyone made it through the Ice and Snow Storm without any serious problems. It seems that the roads cleared just in time for the Chapter S Sweetheart Fun Day. There was a good turnout for the event, even though several arrived in four wheels rather than on two or three for safety reasons. Pat and Craig Whitehouse and the Chapter S folks really put together a Fantastic Event. There was a Motorist Awareness Seminar, games and door prizes. They served up some delicious homemade vegetable soup with your choice of cornbread or crackers, a salad and dessert. The Chapter Challenges were very entertaining and involved almost everyone in the building. This made it a lot of FUN for ALL!

Congratulations to Georgia Chapter D and Nancy Lynberg, GA Ch-D Newsletter Editor on winning the 2013 International/GWRRA Chapter Newsletter Award.



Presented by Bob Greer, MEP Director

It is a well known fact that **participation** in GWRRA Activities is the best way to get the most out of our GWRRA Membership. It affords us the opportunity to meet new **Friends**, have more **Fun**, learn about **Safety** and increase our **Knowledge** about the organization and life in general. Just as the GWRRA motto states, **(FRIENDS for FUN, SAFTETY and KNOWLEDGE)**.

There are several Fun and Educational opportunities coming up soon. Just to name a few; Leadership Training - Life Skills Class, Chapter Q will be giving away the District Travelers Plague, Rider Education -(ARC) Advanced Riding Course (Hosted by GA-H), Membership Enhancement Class and the Florida District Convention. The detail information for these can be found on the Georgia District Website. These opportunities are listed in this Newsletter as well as on the Georgia District Website at www.gwrra-ga.com. Other excellent sources to find out about current and upcoming activities are at the Chapter Gathering, Chapter Newsletter and website; neighboring Chapter newsletter and websites and the Region "A" website.

We look forward to seeing you on the road soon.

Tommy & Vicky

KNOWLEDGE IS POWER

Are you glad you just survived Snow Jam 14 and Icemegedden? Did you learn anything from it? (I learned that folks make a lot of toast and drink milk...why you ask? Because what was missing from all of the grocery store shelves...milk and bread) One thing it did for us was to allow us some time to get caught up on some reading. I honestly believe the day I stop learning is the day they put me in the ground. This is the reason I say: "Knowledge is Power"!

During this time I was catching up on back issues of motorcycling magazines. One of my favorites is *Rider*. Eric Trow writes a column called *Riding Well* and I can tell you he has continually opened my eyes and made me think about riding our machines in a different light.

He states in one of his articles (*Pop Quiz from the November 2013 issue*)

that 90% of motorcycle crashes are avoidable when riders know what to look for, when and where to look and how to respond to developing situations! In the article he turns everyday riding events into Pop Quizzes. What will I encounter when I crest this hill?.What lies around this blind curve? Each situation is a Pop Quiz and he asks: "Are you going to pass it"? WOW! I don't know about you, but that really clicked for me.

He is an advocate for continuing training throughout our lives-skills get rusty when they are not used so he says sign-up for a training course early in the year and learn something new to use through the season. Practice swerving, braking and cornering—the three skills that were identified in the Hurt Study as lacking in the majority of motorcyclist who were involved in crashes. We do not want to become complacent and believe that we know it all. This can lead to nothing good! By constantly improving our knowledge and skills we are more prepared to "Pass" the next "Pop Quiz".

Albert Einstein was quoted as saying: "Education is not the learning of facts, but the training of the mind to think". GWRRA offers "World Class" Rider Education through our Riding Courses, Seminars and MEDIC courses. As a current GWRRA member in Georgia, District Rider Education underwrites the cost of this training, so there is no-excuse for not taking advantage of these potentially life-saving courses and adding to your "Knowledge" base. After all, isn't GWRRA "Friends for Fun, Safety Knowledge"?

<u>Be Safe—We'll See You</u> <u>On The Road!</u>

Roy & Julie



Julie & Roy Degler Ride Educator

"Practice swerving, braking and cornering—the three skills that were identified in the Hurt Study as lacking in the majority of motorcyclist who were involved in crashes."

IS YOUR RIDE READY?

Well the riding season is off and running. Are you are getting your bike for the first time this year? Everyone should do a TCLOCS on your bike to be safe. Here is an abbreviated form GWRRA's check list (N 17) to review:

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Jim & Kay Elrod Assistant District Director Vendor Coordinator

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MARCH 2014

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	31					Member Orientation

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

Georgia Traveler's Plaque: Chapter GA
-Q, captured the Georgia plaque from GA
-S at their Sweetheart Fun Day. The
plaque will be given away on March 1st at
Hibachi Buffet, 2025 Watson Blvd, Suite
160 (Galleria Square Plaza), Warner Robins. Meet at 12 Noon and give the plaque
away at 12:30 PM

Region A Wanderer: Chapter FL2-A captured the Region plaque from FL1-G. It will be given away on March 8th at Brewzzi's, 2222 Glades Road, Boca Raton, FL at 9:00 AM

Schedule of Events

- March 7-40 to Phoenix stop, First Baptist Church Conyers. (Sponsored by GA-A and GA-S)
- March 15—Membership Enhancement Program (MEP), including 2014 Chapter of the Year Seminar, Forsyth
- March 20-22—Florida District Convention/Rally, Kissimmee
- March 29—Member Orientation Program, GA Forestry Association, Forsyth.
- April 3-5—Alabama District Convention/Rally, Mobile.
- May 1-3—Southc Carolina Convention/Rally, Florence
- May 10-GA-T Fun Day
- May 17—GA-R Fun Day Proctor landing, Acworth
- June 12-14—Wing Fling, Georgia Convention/Rally, Dillard
- July 2-5-Wing Ding, Madison, 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, Gulfport



une is just a few months off now, so we hope you are making plans to mount that bucking steed of yours and mosey on over to Dillard Georgia for the 2014 Georgia Wing Fling!

This Gold Wing Rodeo will be held from June 12—14th at the Dillard House, where you will be treated to the best food, entertainment and family fun for hundreds of miles around.

Is your chapter up for a challenge? Prove you're

the best by participating in special challenges where you'll pit your chapter's skills against other's to win the prize. Rumor has it that there may be a "special" contest you won't want to miss!

Don't delay, register today!



THE START OF RALLY SEASON IS HERE!



Sid and Donna Cohen

Assistant District
Director/
Couple of the Year
Coordinator

Hey gang,

March is finally here and so is the start of the rally season. The Florida rally is March 20, 21 and 22nd. If you have the opportunity, head on down to Kissimmee and enjoy the Florida Rally. Remember our rally is in June in Dillard Georgia at the Dillard House. It really isn't that far away-only 3 ½ months. I hope your chapters are talking about the District Couple of the Year Baskets. The money that is brought in helps the District Couple off set some of their expenses during their year. Also, we want all of your bakers and want-to-be bakers to be thinking about the Goodie Contest. Last year was fantastic and we are looking for the same this year.

Here is a great opportunity to meet some neat folks. Why don't you take a ride to Conyers, GA On March 7th. The 40 to Phoenix group is planning on getting off course and stopping for the

night. Chapters GA-A and GA-S are hosting a BBQ dinner for them. This is open to all GWR-RA member. Come on out and greet these riding to Phoenix. On March 8th they plan on visiting Barber Motorcycle Museum in Birmingham, Alabama and anyone that wants to ride is welcome to do so. Check the Georgia Web site for more information

Ride safe and often,

Sid & Donna

Congratulations to our 2014 Couples of the Year!

International —Tommy & Gayle Wilson

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

"I hope your chapters are talking about the District Couple of the Year Baskets. The money that is brought in helps the District Couple off set some of their expenses during their year."

C-CHASSIS

□ Frame

☐ Suspension

☐ Chain or Belt

☐ Fasteners

S-SIDESTAND

 \square Center Stand

☐ Side Stand

The full list can be found at http://gwrra.org/ regional/ridered/Forms/ N.17MotorcycleTCLOCS Version_2011_06.pdf I hope this information was useful. There's no more fun than riding knowing you checked everything and they are in working order.

Jim & Kay



Among our sick

Colleen Taylor, GA-D Marvin Saritt, GA-L Frank Skellen, GA-S Erin Cohen, daughter-in -law, Sid & Donna Cohen, GA Team & GA-S

Lois Wyett, GA-S

In Memory

Jack Swanson, GA-T