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## **Director's Notes**

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March is here and the weather is warming up so it is time to get ready to ride. We have a lot of things planed. so mark your calendar.

We had a great meeting the 21st of February with 32 members attending.

Chapter T from Athens came and visited us to promote their Fun Day on April 18<sup>th</sup> We will cancel our April 18<sup>th</sup> meeting and attend Chapter T's fun day at Commerce. We will leave Lavonia Around 9 am So mark your calendar this will be a lot of fun.

There were 7 of the members visited Chapter E-2 in Pooler Ga. to hand off the Hot Potato, we all had a blast with Chapter E-2.

We will be visiting Chapter R March 24<sup>th</sup> will leave Lavonia at 3:30 pm hope some of you can make plans to go and visit them.

March the 28 will be our Dinner ride to Vanna Bar B. Q. in Vanna Ga. We will leave Lavonia at 10:30 am.

Our next meeting at Shoney's will be May 16th.

Watch your E-mail for more fun.

Till next time, Ride Safe Frank Brothers, Senior Director



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# Larry Crouse Chapter Rider Educator





#### **RIDER ED 'GIMME 5'**

TOPIC: 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 ever 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 and 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, ... 00..., has a lot of trained riders! 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. 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!

What else can you expect from this new course? Just as with the ERC, it is presented to you by two trained and qualified instructors who will tell you how to perform the exercise, demonstrate the exercise for you, and give you tips to improve your technique while you practice it on your own motorcycle. The ARC also includes some classroom instruction prior to the fun on the range. Altogether, it is pretty much a full eight hour course. As long as you participate in the classroom and practice the exercises on the range, you will get a completion card.

It is as easy as that! There are no minimum performance standards to meet. And, hopefully, everyone finishes with better awareness of the risks of motorcycling and improved riding skills. And isn't that the point of a rider training course?

There are no prerequisites to meet other than the usual for current GWRRA members. Your bike needs to

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pass a T-CLOCS inspection and you must wear the proper riding gear. (Did you forget what comprises proper riding gear? Hint: There are 6 items included!) And you may need a cycle endorsement on your driver's license (state specific) and proof of insurance. Register for any of the classes - ERC, ARC, Trike Riding Course (TRC) or Sidecar Riding Course (SRC) - by completing an application. The sooner you submit your application, the better your chances are of getting the training site you desire.

Ride Smart & Be Safe! Bruce & Melissa Thayer Former MI Asst District Rider Educators



#### **Rider Education**

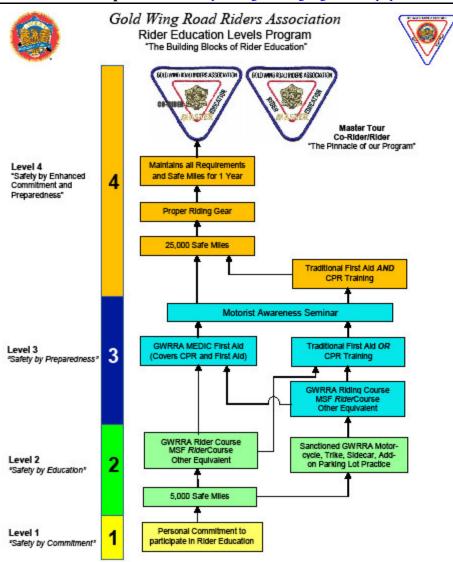


# Seminars, and classes that are available at the Chapter Level.

- 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





March 18, 2015

#### **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, http://www.msf-usa.org/, provides information for Car Drivers on safety tips, facts and figures, video instruction, and additional resources on how to safely share the road with motorcyclists.

▶ The information above was provided by the "Florida Department of Transportation Traffic Safety Office".



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## **Gold Wing Road Riders Association**

## **March Birthdays**

14th Frank Crane23rd Terry Swain

31st Shane Funderburke



# 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).



## **March Anniversaries**

25th Sally & Shane Funderburke



Please keep our friends Glen and Joyce Argo in your thoughts, and prayers as they go through Glen's continuing recovery from Bladder cancer, and associated conditions.





## 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 We'll deliver the District **Hot-Potato** to Chapter E-2, Pooler, Ga. We will need to leave Lavonia at 10:30 am.
- March 21 Chapter I-2 Gathering at "Shoney's". Eat at 11am, Meeting 12-1pm.
- March 24 We will be visiting Chapter R, "Sidelines Grille", 147 Reinhardt College Parkway, Canton, Ga Tuesday, March 24th. We'll leave Lavonia at 3:30 pm. Hope some of you can make plans to go and visit them.
- March 28 Chapter I-2 Lunch Ride to "Vanna Country BBQ". Meet at 10:30, leave at 11:00 am from Lavonia Exxon, or join us at "Vanna Country BBQ", Hwy 17S, Vanna, GA at 11:30am.
- April 18 GA Chapter T's fun-day at Blacks Creek Baptist Church 3754 Blacks Creek Church Road Commerce, GA 10am until 1pm.
- April 18 We'll not have our regular Chapter I-2 Gathering at "Shoney's" this month. Instead we will visit Chapter T for their Fun-Day.
- April 25 Chapter I-2 Lunch or Dinner Ride, Location and Times to be decided.
- April 25 Visitation to GA Chapter B for their "Fun-Day" being held at Red Top Mountain State Park & Lodge, 50 Lodge Road Southeast, Cartersville, GA 30121. Some of us may go over there on Friday and spend the night let me know if you would like to make it a weekend trip it.
- 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".

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- 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.
- 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 "VonBraun Center" 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.



Florida District Convention, Kissimmee	<b>March 19-21</b>
Alabama District Convention, Eufaula	May 14-16
South Carolina District Convention, Anderson	July 16-18
Georgia District Convention, Dillard	<b>June 18-20</b>
Region "A" Convention, Eufaula, AL	October 28-31

- 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".



# Chapter Classifieds Bike & Non-Bike Items

1. 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 <a href="mailto:ronniev@bellsouth.net">ronniev@bellsouth.net</a>



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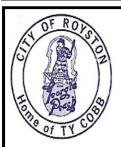
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# **April 2015**



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19	20	21	22	23	24	▶ 10:30AM - 1:00PM Chapter I-2 Lunch or Dinner Ride (Time and Location to be decided.)
						Joyce Argo's Birthday
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## The Weather Will Be Changing

I hope everyone is staying warm, as I write this article the temperatures in our area are in the teens with wind chills in the single digits. Burrrr! It is just a little too cold to be on the Gold Wing. But never fear, one of the great benefits of living in Georgia is that the weather changes often. So don't lock away the motorcycle and riding gear just yet, because it may be sunshiny and toasty warm in a day or so.

We attended the Chapter S Sweet Heart Fun Day. The Chapter S Team had a fantastic event. There were approximately 165 members in attendance and 11 Georgia Chapters

> represented at the Chapter S Fun Day. The fellowship was great as well as the food, games a n d door prizes. There were several



that participated in the Chapter Challenges and as usual the Challenges are quite different at the Chapter S Fun Day.



Contestants in action!

B2 was victorious in capturing the Georgia District Travelers Plaque from Chapter S and will be offering it for capture on February 28<sup>th</sup>.

The Hot Potato is now on its journey, at the Chapter S Fun Day a drawing was held from all the chapters in the District and Chapter I2 was to lucky one pulled to start the Hot Potato. Jeanna Phillips of Chapter I2 accepted the Hot Potato Plaque. Your chapter may be the lucky recipient of the Hot Potato soon.



Let's remember, it's all about visiting with fellow members with a little friendly competition included. So, have fun with both the Travelers Plaque and Hot Potato as you visit old friends and make new one along the way. Don't forget when you are visiting other chapters to take your Visitation Photo for the Photo Contest.

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# **MARCH 2015**

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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-B2 captured the Georgia Traveler's Plaque from GA-S! It will be given away on February 28th at their Chapter Gathering. Sign in will be from 9:00 AM till 10:30 AM.

The Georgia Hot Potato—is now being held Chapter I2. It can only stay with them for 14 days. Where will it go next?

ave you heard the news?! If your are pre-registered for this year's Wing Fling, you will be treated to a full dinner on Thursday evening. Your District Team has had the opportunity to sample this awesome meal and you won't be disappointed.

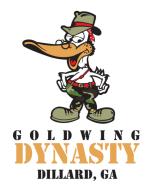
Oh! And something has been added as a 'thank you' for those that preregister.

You will be entered to win a seven day cruse on the January 2016 Wingers-n-Waves! That's right, you will have a chance to win a free, seven day cruse for two just for pre-registering for this year's Georgia District Convention/Rally— Gold Wing Dynasty

Is that cool or what?! So send in those registrations and start dreaming of what a wonderful time you can have with your GWRRA family—both in Dillard and on the high seas!

# Schedule of Events

- March 7—University Trainer Development Program, Warner Robbins
- March 8—Why We Ride, Rome
- March 19-21—Florida Convention/Rally, Kissimmee
- March 24—Co-Rider, Marietta
- April 4-Chapter Leadership Program, Fayetteville
- April 10-40 to Phoenix, Sponsored by GA-A
- April 13-Why We Ride,
- April 18-GA-T's Tacky Tourist Fun Day, Commerce.
- 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 9—GA-R Spring Picnic, Proctor Landing Park, Acworth
- 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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We have recently added another benefit to preregistering for the 2015 Georgia District Rally. It is a chance to win a FREE CRUISE FOR TWO! So don't put it off and miss the deadline to be entered for the cruise drawing.

The Florida District Rally is the first District Rally in Region "A" and is coming up March 19-21, 2015 in Kissimmee, FL. Their theme is "America The Beautiful". It is a good time of the year to travel south, so let's go and

support our next door neighbors and have some FUN at the Florida Rally.

We hope to see you on the road soon.

Tommy & Vicky

#### GETTING READY FOR RIDING WEATHER

WOW! Can you believe it? March is here already with dreams of warmer weather coming! If you're like me, you are thinking about what needs to be done to get ready for some serious bike riding. Even though I have been riding when there was a break in the weather and did my T-

CLOCK each time, now is the time to prepare for the approaching riding season.

First, the bike needs to be serviced and checked out. Then do some practice riding to get the winter rust off. The practice is best done in a parking lot or another safe area.

So get out there and do what you really enjoy. Ride, have fun and be safe!

Don't forget to visit fellow chapters and friends.

Jim & Kay

#### NEWS FLASH! GA-D DOES IT AGAIN!



gratulations to Georgia Chapter D, once again your Newsletter has been selected as the 2014 National Chapter Newsletter of the Year. Yes, that is correct, this is the third year in a row for Chapter D's Newsletter to be selected as the National Chapter Newsletter of the Year. The Newsletter Editor is none other than Nancy Lynberg. Nancy has done an outstanding job as Chapter D Newsletter editor and she now holds the position of Assistant Chapter Director as well as Chapter Webmaster.

#### Congratulating Our 2015 Couples of the Year!

International —Jon & Barb Pons

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-F2—Randy & Georgia

Moore

GA-I2—Paul & Jane Moricz GA-J—Dave & Judy Hurd GA-L—Murry & Dawn Cail GA-S—Craig & Pat Whitehouse

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