

2013 Ga. District Chapter of the Year



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Chapter I-2 Mascots
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We had a great Gathering April 19th with 34 members present.

We had a lot of fun and a lot of door prizes. Joyce Argo won the Shirt & vest money, and Lucille Seavey, Gene Callahan and John Chevalier winning The 50/50 money.

The dinner ride to "El Patron Family Mexican Restaurant", Cornelia, GA. was a great ride through the mountains all on back roads; we had 22 members to attend what a great turnout for some good fellowship and great riding.

Don't forget our Motorists Awareness day May 24th at the Georgia Welcome Center. We will be starting at 8 a.m. and will be there till around 2p.m. Then off for some riding and you guessed it eating again.

One thing Gold wingers love is to Eat and ride or ride and eat anyway is all in fun.

June 12th - June 14th 2014 GWRRR Georgia District GOLDWING RODEO

IT IS A RODEO IN the beautiful down town Dillard Ga. So get on you ponies and ride on up to the mountains of North Georgia for some good old cowboy fun.

Our next Gathering will be June 21st At Shoney's Eat at 11 meet at 12 noon.

Hope you can come out and have some fun with us.

See you on the road.

Frank

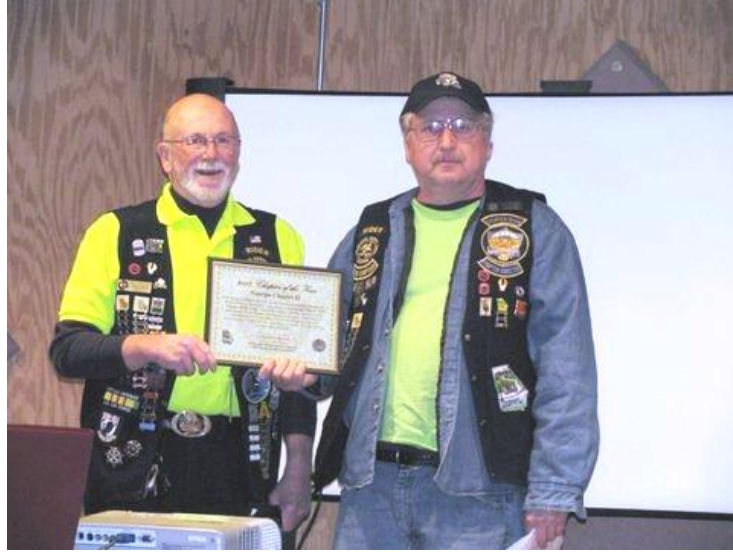


Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge



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



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HOW TO SURVIVE A HEART ATTACK WHEN ALONE

Let's say it's 6:15pm and you're going home (alone of course), after an unusually hard day on the job. You're really tired, upset and frustrated. Suddenly you start experiencing severe pain in your chest that starts to drag out into your arm and up into your jaw. You are only about five miles (8kms) from the hospital nearest your home. Unfortunately you don't know if you'll be able to make it that far. You have been trained in CPR, but the guy that taught the course did not tell you how to perform it on yourself..!!



HOWTO SURVIVE A HEART ATTACK WHEN ALONE..

Since many people are alone when they suffer a heart attack, without help, the person whose heart is beating improperly and who begins to feel faint, has only about 10 seconds left before losing consciousness.

However, these victims can help themselves by coughing repeatedly and very vigorously. A deep breath should be taken before each cough, and the cough must be deep and prolonged, as when producing sputum from deep inside the chest.

A breath and a cough must be repeated about every two seconds without let-up until help arrives, or until the heart is felt to be beating normally again. Deep breaths get oxygen into the lungs and coughing movements squeeze the heart and keep the blood circulating.

The squeezing pressure on the heart also helps it regain normal rhythm. In this way, heart attack victims can get to a hospital



Rider Education



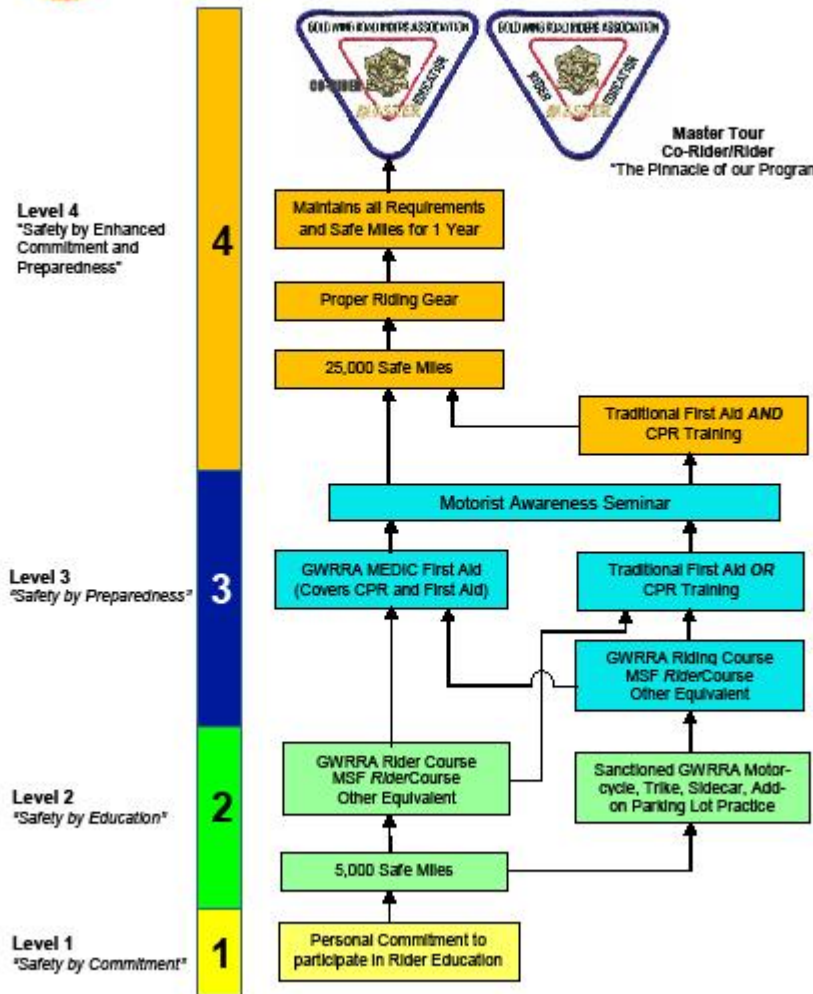
Seminars, and classes that are available at the Chapter Level.

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| 1. "Level Up" PPT Presentation | 9. "Dealing With Different Elements" |
| 2. Co-Rider Seminar | 10. Riding in the Heat |
| 3. Co-Rider-Two Seminar | 11. Night Riding ... |
| 4. Riding With New and/or Inexperienced Riders | 12. Motorcycle Crash Scene Response |
| 5. Motorcycling for Mature Riders | 13. High Side Scenarios |
| 6. Seasoned (Mature) Rider Supplement | 14. "Going, Going, Gone" |
| 7. Road Captain Course | 15. Trailering Seminar |
| 8. Team Riding Seminar | 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



Gold Wing Road Riders Association Rider Education Levels Program "The Building Blocks of Rider Education"



(Chart Available in the Clip Art Section of the Rider Education Website)



Jeanna Phillips Motorist Awareness Coordinator



May is Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month, designed to encourage all drivers and motorcyclist to “share the road” with each other. Motorcyclist fatalities increased in 2012 to 4,957, accounting for 15 percent of total fatalities for the year. This increase in motorcycle fatalities continues a tragic trend over the last 15 years, which only saw a one year decline in 2009. Crash-related motorcycle injuries also increased from 81,000 in 2011 to 93,000 in 2012. Safe riding practices and cooperation from all road users will help reduce the number of fatalities and injures on our nation’s highways.

Saturday, May 24, 2014 Georgia Welcome Center I85 Motorist Awareness Event

Motorcycles Start Seeing ‘Em!

GWRRR Chapter I2 participants a big Thank You to those who will be taking time to help!!!

As people stop for information or restroom break Ask Have you seen a Motorcycle today?

If “yes” that’s GREAT Then, look for another one please.

As a thank you to those who stop by our awareness event , small tokens of appreciations have been donated by local businesses.

.. Also we will have brochures and bumper stickers available. Kids are a wonderful resource when it comes to seeing motorcycles on the highways. There will be balloons for young people, a bottle of water, a smile, and a simple phrase Please watch out for Motorcycles could help save a life this Memorial Day Weekend.

Let’s educate operators of vehicles to be more conscious of the presence of motorcyclists. Also remind motorcyclists that they may be overlooked and provide defensive strategies for overcoming this situation. Even share tips you have learned to see hidden motorcycles and/or vehicles .



Dress Loud & Ride Proud

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May Birthdays

- 2nd Joyce Argo
- 10th John Chevalier
- 16th Paul Moricz
- 18th Sharon Krefft
- 22nd Dianne Chevalier
- 24th Ronnie Lewis
- 26th Glen Argo
- 28th Tim Swain



Congratulations 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).**

May Anniversaries

None this month!!



CONCERNS

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Chapter I-2 Mascots



Bucky & Cupcake Blacksheep

CONDOLENCES



Mr. Bruce Alan Gregory, age 52, of Lavonia, died Saturday, April 19, 2014 at his home. Bruce was our Treasurer in Chapter I-2, when we first began. He had to leave us a few years ago because of health problems. Please keep his children Savannah and Christian in your thoughts and prayers.

We were very saddened to hear of the death of Larry Watkins' mother. **Sally Roena Watkins** passed away Sunday, April 27, 2014. Please keep Larry, Linda, and family in your thoughts and prayers. Larry tells everyone that our motorcycle group is our second family and that is the way we both feel. Love to all, Linda.



Up Coming Events For 2014



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- 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 early Dinner-ride 4:30-6:30pm, "El Patron Family Mexican Restaurant", Cornelia, GA. Leave Lavonia Exxon at 3:30pm.
 - May 17 Chapter I-2 Gathering at "Shoney's". Eat at 11am, Meeting 12-1pm.
 - May 24 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.
 - June 21 Chapter I-2 Gathering at "Shoney's". Eat at 11am, Meeting 12-1pm.
 - June 28 Chapter I-2 Lunch or Dinner Ride, Location and Times to be decided.
 - July 2-5 Wing Ding 36 at the "ALLIANT ENERGY CENTER" MADISON, WISCONSIN.
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- July 19 Chapter I-2 Gathering at “Shoney's”. Eat at 11am, Meeting 12-1pm.
- July 26 Chapter I-2 Picnic to Cherokee, NC, and then a visit to “Wheels Through Time” Museum in Maggie Valley, NC.
- 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.
- November ? GA. District Wind-Down, "Civitan Fairgrounds", Hwy 257, Dublin , GA.



**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 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. 2010 "Thoroughbred Motorsports®" Stallion -Trike, and trailer, 22000 miles, great shape, \$26,500 for both. Call John Chevalier (706) 795-3067.
2. 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.
3. New "Kuryakyn" rider backrest for GoldWing 1800. \$125.00. Contact Joe Colvard 706-988-9048.
4. "Pace" Trailer 16' x 8' 6", Rivetless sides, 2 vents in roof, E-Track down both sides and down the middle (recessed in floor), 5500 lb. rated axles, tread-plate covering lower front panel, ramp rear door (heavy duty); \$6,900.00 Like New! Contact Joe Colvard 706-988-9048, pictures available upon request.
5. Assorted Bits and pieces leftover from '02 1800 GoldWing (Illusion Blue), and '08 1800 GoldWing (Dark Red Metallic) TRIKE CONVERSIONS. These parts include, complete rear-end assemblies, brake-discs, rear-wheels, side-bags, etc. IF You need parts for repairs or just to have extra on-hand contact me. Ronnie at 706-340-7320 or EMAIL ronniev@bellsouth.net



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	1	Joyce Argo's Birthday • 2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	John Chevalier's Birthday • ▶ 10:00AM - 1:00PM Ga Chapter T's Pioneer Day (3754 Blacks Creek Church Road, Commerce, GA) 10
Mother's Day • 11	12	13	14	15	Paul Moricz's Birthday • 16	▶ 11:00AM - 1:00PM Chapter I-2 Monthly Gathering ("Shoney's, Lavonia, GA) 17
Sharon Krefft's Birthday • 18	19	20	21	Dianne Chevalier's Birth... 22	23	Ronnie Lewis' Birthday • ▶ 8:00AM - 2:30PM "Motorist Awareness" Campaign (Georgia Welcome Center, I-85 So... ▶ 10:30AM - 1:00PM Chapter I-2 Lunch or Dinner Ride (Time and Location to be decided.) 24
25	Memorial Day ♦ United State Glen Argo's Birthday • 26	27	Tim Swain's Birthday • 28	29	30	31

June 2014



May 2014							July 2014						
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31	27	28	29	30	31		

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	Janelle Ellis Birthday
8	9	Linda Watkins Birthday Alan Phillips' Birthday	11	2014 Georgia "Wing Fling" District Convention ♦ "Dillard House", Dillard, GA		Smitty & Janelle Ellis A...
15	16	17	18	19	20	▶ 11:00AM - 1:00PM Chapter I-2 Monthly Gathering ("Shoney's", Lavonia, GA)
22	23	24	Lucy Seavey's Birthday	26	27	▶ 10:30AM - 1:00PM Chapter I-2 Lunch or Dinner Ride (Time and Location to be decided.)
29	30	1	2	GWRRR WING DING 36 ♦ ALLIANT ENERGY CENTER, Madison, Wisconsin		
				Delores Crouse's Birthday	Joel & Genie Deaton An...	5

Georgia District

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Plans For The Wing Fling Rodeo

We are really excited to be returning to the Dillard House Convention Center in June for the 2014 Wing Fling RODEO. We sure hope that you have made plans to join us for all the fun and exciting festivities that the Georgia District Team has planned for you. On Thursday evening the World Renowned Dillard House Family Restaurant will provide an unbelievable all you can eat Bar-B-Q Buffet Dinner with some awesome cobblers and pies for desserts, which is included with your full Rally Registration. Not to mention that North Georgia offers some of the best motorcycle riding in the United States and maybe even the WORLD. Motorcyclists have traveled for thousands of miles just to ride The Dragon at Deals Gap, as well as other well known mountain roads in the area. The best way to enjoy a GWRRR Rally is to participate in as many ways as you possibly can. There will be plenty to do, such as educational seminars, games, contest, bike show, ven-

dors, ice cream, talent show, Chapter Challenge and District Challenge. So, if you haven't already made you plans to attend the Georgia District Rally, don't delay register today!

We attended the Alabama District Rally and we had a great time. Robert, Gail and their entire Alabama District Team did an outstanding job and put on a great event. Congratulations to Dewey and Alice Cole for being selected as the 2014 Alabama District Couple of the Year.

Now we will be off to the South Carolina District Rally in just a few days on May 1st -3rd, in Florence S. C., and then to the upcoming Georgia Chapter Events; Chapter T's Spring Fling May 10th, Chapter R's Picnic May 17th and Chapter D's Motorist Awareness Event May 17th. We hope to see you at one or all of these events.

Ride Safe,

Tommy & Vicky

MAY IS...

Motorist Awareness and Motorcycle Safety month! (We say every month is Motorist Awareness and Motorcycle Safety month!) This is the time of year that the Federal, State and Local governments “Kick it up a Notch” (borrow from Emeril Lagasse) promoting these very worthwhile causes to the public; cycling them to the forefront if you will.

It was just the other day while perusing the internet that we discovered a new study’s findings (soon to be released) about today’s workforce and productivity. The results were staggering and, we believe, cross over into everything that makes up our society today.

Here are two proposed findings that jumped right out of the article:

- 1) The average office worker’s attention span is now being measured at 7 minutes.
- 2) The average office worker checks their smart phone 150 times per day.

Obviously when dealing with averages there is; a percentage that is much lower than the reported

number, but remember there is also a percentage that is much higher than that number! It truly appears that for many, their cell phone has become their life. If this is going on in the workforce think about what is going on outside of work.

Think about this: using your own eyes and observations, would you agree that our society’s current reliance on our smart phones and tablets is reaching epidemic proportions? Restaurant dinner tables, doctors waiting rooms, grocery store check-out lines...the list goes on and on, and we have all observed it, or worse yet, participate ourselves.

It has become commonplace to see drivers using their phones all the time. Even with bill boards, TV commercials and print ad’s all decrying the dangers of driving and texting, more and more are doing it every day. We have even observed more than one motorcyclist texting and riding!

Make no mistake; this is a shift in the way we interact and behave as a society. It appears that these actions are being accepted as normal behavior by

more and more people; ultimately desensitizing us to the very nature of the problem or into believing that there is no problem at all.

Our mission in spreading the word about Motorcycle Safety and Motorist Awareness is more important now than ever before! “Share the Road” is our battle cry and “Distracted Driving” is our enemy—or maybe more to the point—“Distracted Life”.

What can we do? You can help us continue to make the roads a safer place for all; so that we can continue to ride our magnificent machines to places we have never been before and most importantly, return home safely, with nothing but fond memories of our amazing adventures.

How? By “Building Motorist Awareness One Motorist at a Time!” and, maybe more importantly, leading by example. Our children and grandchildren, parents, friends, neighbors, co-workers—all watch what we do and how we act. Do we practice what we preach? If our kids see us texting and driving then that is a signal to them that it is ok to do and more im-

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**Julie & Roy
Degler
Ride Educator**

“Our mission in spreading the word about Motorcycle Safety and Motorist Awareness is more important now than ever before! ‘Share the Road’ is our battle cry and ‘Distracted Driving’ is our enemy...”



MAY 2014

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3 GA-E, F2
					Two Wheel ARC, Rome	
				South Carolina District Convention/Rally		
4	5	6 GA-S	7	8 GA-K, M	9	10 GA-B, D
						GA-T Fun Day
11	12 GA- Q, T	13	14	15 GA-D2	16	17 GA-A, C2, I2, J
						GA-D MA & GA-R Picnic
18	19 GA- O	20	21	22 GA-H, L	23	24 GA-B2, E2
25	26  Memorial Day	27 GA-R	28	29	30	31
						Chapter Leadership Program

Schedule of Events

- May 1-3—South Carolina Convention/Rally, Florence
- May 2-3—Two Wheel ARC, Rome
- May 10—GA-T Fun Day
- May 17—GA-D Motorist Awareness Event, Cumming
- May 17—GA-R Fun Day Proctor landing, Acworth
- May 31—Chapter Leadership Program, Leesburg
- June 12-14—Wing Fling, Georgia Convention/Rally, Dillard
- June 26—Chapter Life Program, Forsyth
- 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

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-B2 retained possession of the Georgia Traveler's plaque. It was given away on April 26th, after our newsletter publication deadline. Details on the date, location and time the new owners will offer the plaque for capture will be posted soon on the District website at www.gwrri-ga.com—so stay tuned!

Region A Wanderer: The Wanderer was also offered for capture on April 26th by **FL1-A**. As this too is after our newsletter publication deadline, you will need to check the Region website (www.gwrri-regiona.org) for the latest information on location, date and time.

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 portantly something they will probably do also.
 Support your community and GWRRA as we continue to spread the word

about something that is very near and dear to all of our hearts. Working together we can make a difference. Remember; Motorist Awareness and Motorcycle Safety are a part of

our everyday lives!
 Until next time: *Be Safe—We'll See You On The Road!*

Roy & Julie

Have you registered for Wing Fling yet? The deadline (May 31st) for enjoying the benefits of

pre-registration are fast approaching.
 Just thinking about that famous Dillard House Thursday night dinner is making my mouth water!

And we have a special deal on rally shirts that is only available to those that pre-register.
 You wont want to miss out, so don't delay, register today!



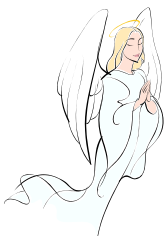


Sid and Donna Cohen
Assistant District Director/
Couple of the Year
Coordinator

“The stage is being set for the next Region ‘A’ Couple of the Year...”



Jim & Kay Elrod
Assistant District Director
Vendor Coordinator



ON COUPLES AND RALLIES

May is here and so is spring! What a great time to get out and ride. Make your plans to enjoy the season. I feel an average day on your bike is better than a great day at work.

The stage is being set for the next Region “A” Couple of the Year. We want to congratulate Tom and Linda Mitchell, Florida Couple of the Year and Alabama's Couple of the Year, Dewey and Alice Cole. They will be competing against your couple, Vance and Fern Oaks, in September in Eufaula, Alabama for new Region “A” Couple of

the Year. Hope to see you rooting for them in Eufaula.

The next convention/rally for Region “A” is South Carolina—May 1st through 3rd. After that, you guessed it, the Georgia rally in Dillard. The rooms at the Dillard House are filled. Make your reservations at the alternate host hotel and the others in the area. You can leave your name at the Dillard house in the event a room opens up. Remember all bakers and want to be bakers. The goodie contest is

Saturday June 14th. The rules are on the web site. We have searched high and low for the best judges. So make plans to enter. We are also looking forward to your chapter Couple of the Year baskets. What chapter will have the largest. They all count and are appreciated. The funds raised by the basket helps off set your District Couples with their travel expenses during the year. We'll see you soon.

Ride safe and often,

Sid & Donna

GOOD TIMES

Hello fellow Gold Wing-ers!

We started out in April with a great ride to the Alabama Rally. We had a great time and made some new friends; if you did not get to go, you missed a good time. We also went to the Tennessee Rally on Saturday the 29th and again had a great time.

Now we are in May and starting off with the South Carolina Rally. If you get a chance and never have been to a Rally, you need to go and see what fun you can have.

The weather is finally in our favor, so get out there and ride with your chapter or with other Chapters. If you want to have

fun, visit other Chapters and makes new friends.

You know our motto – Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge.

Hope to see you down the road. So ride safe and have fun.

Jim & Kay

Among our sick

Roy Degler, GA Team/
GA-A

Peg Hopkins, GA Team/
GA-A

Donald Taylor, GA-D

James Oliver, GA-L

Erin Cohen, daughter-in-law of Sid & Donna Cohen, GA Team

/GA-S

In Memory

Bruce Gregory, GA-I2
Mother of Joanna Self, GA-S