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Director's Notes



FRIENDS FOR FUN, SAFETY AND KNOWLEDGE

We had a great meeting last month with 40 members present. Our Lunch ride to the Cupboard in Dillard was an outstanding ride and lunch. We had 17 members participating in this outing. All had a great time riding in the mountains after lunch.

We are planning to go to Vanna Barbeque on Saturday , Sept. 28th. This is one of our sponsors, so let's have a large turnout. Leave Lavonia Exxon at 10:30 a.m.

Our next meeting will be Oct. 19th , at Shoney's in Lavonia.

Next date Oct.21st we will have a Motor awareness class at Line Fire Dept. at 6 p.m.

Nov. 5th and 6th, we will have a full CPR and First Aid Class, 6p.m. to 9:30 p.m. each night, at Line Fire Dept.

Nov. 16th is our End of the Year Party. The planning committee is working hard so you will have a great time. The meal this year will be catered by Bar-H Barbeque. We will be having chopped pork, ribs, stew, coleslaw, bread and chips and tea. All that we ask is that some bring deserts; we will have a sign up sheet so we all won't bring the same thing. You will need to bring a gift. Man's gift for man, ladie's gift for ladies, limit of \$10. If you bring any children or guest, please bring a gift for them so everyone will have a gift. We are decorating in a fall theme this year instead of Christmas.

Please plan on attending this event. We will need a head count by the October meeting, which will be our last meeting at Shoney's until January 2014.

As always, Ride safe and often!!

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TOPIC: THE INVISIBLE MOTORCYCLIST

"I never saw him. He came out of nowhere!" That's probably the most common statements heard at a collision between an automobile and a motorcyclist. They're usually made by the operator of the auto because the motorcyclist is unconscious (or worse).

As riders we wonder, "How can *they* NOT see us? Are *they* just not looking?"

A lack of attention on the part of the driver does explain some of the car/bike collisions; the distracted driver, cell 'phones, unruly children, etc. All these can contribute **BUT** some responsibility belongs to the motorcyclist as well.

I know. I know. That's heresy. Let me explain.

- Motorcycles make up about 3% of the "normal" traffic flow.
- People "see" what they expect to see; things like cars and trucks

Unless the rider does something to visually stand out, he can be easily overlooked.

- Motorcycles **ARE** much harder to see than cars/trucks because of their smaller size. A motorcycle can easily be "lost" in the background even with the headlight on.
- Many motorcycles are colors that lend themselves to blending into the environment. Particularly dark colored machines (black is the color of pavement after all).

Many motorcyclist wear dark colored helmets (or no helmet at all, but we won't discuss those here) AND dark colored clothing. A number of studies in the US and abroad have shown that a light colored (white, silver, yellow) helmet is more noticeable (during daylight hours) than a dark colored (black, dark red, dark blue) helmet. Why? The driver sees this bright colored "orb" floating above the traffic (most riders heads are higher than the hoods/windshields of cars). It's DIFFERENT.

Lastly (and sadly), most motorcyclists are not skilled in emergency maneuvers. Over 13% of the motorcyclists involved in fatal crashes made NO effort to avoid the collision. They didn't brake, they didn't swerve, they just rode right into the collision. That's because, after they've gotten their license, they don't practice those kinds of maneuvers regularly (or ever). Motorcycling is a SKILL. It takes practice.

So how can you NOT be the Invisible Motorcyclist?

- Position your bike so it can be seen and identified in the traffic stream.
- Wear bright colors
- Consider getting a brightly colored bike
- PRACTICE your emergency maneuvers

Or you could take the advice I got once from a very experienced rider. He told me not to "ride like I was invisible." He told me to ride like they can see me and are actively planning to do something to take me out."



Symptoms of Heat Stroke

The hallmark symptom of heat stroke is a core body temperature above 105 degrees Fahrenheit. But fainting may be the first sign.

Other symptoms may include:

- Throbbing headache
- Dizziness and light-headedness
- Lack of sweating despite the heat
- Red, hot, and dry skin
- Muscle weakness or cramps
- Nausea and vomiting
- Rapid heartbeat, which may be either strong or weak
- Rapid, shallow breathing
- Behavioral changes such as confusion, disorientation, or staggering
- Seizures
- Unconsciousness

First Aid for Heat Stroke

If you suspect that someone has a heat stroke, immediately call 911 or transport the person to a hospital. Any delay seeking medical help can be fatal.

While waiting for the paramedics to arrive, initiate first aid. Move the person to an air-conditioned environment -- or at least a cool, shady area -- and remove any unnecessary clothing.

If possible, take the person's core body temperature and initiate first aid to cool it to 101 to 102 degrees Fahrenheit. If no thermometers are available, don't hesitate to initiate first aid.

You may also try these cooling strategies:

- Fan air over the patient while wetting his or her skin with water from a sponge or garden hose.
- Apply ice packs to the patient's armpits, groin, neck, and back. Because these areas are rich with blood vessels close to the skin, cooling them may reduce body temperature.
- Immerse the patient in a shower or tub of cool water, or an ice bath.

If emergency response is delayed, call the hospital emergency room for additional instructions.

After you've recovered from heat stroke, you'll probably be more sensitive to high temperatures during the following week. So it's best to avoid hot weather and heavy exercise until your doctor tells you that it's safe to resume your normal activities.

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Preventing Heat Stroke

When the heat index is high, it's best to stay in an air-conditioned environment. If you must go outdoors, you can prevent heat stroke by taking these steps:

- Wear lightweight, light-colored, loose-fitting clothing, and a wide-brimmed hat.
- Use a sunscreen with a sun protection factor (SPF) of 30 or more.
- Drink extra fluids. To prevent dehydration, it's generally recommended to drink at least eight glasses of water, fruit juice, or vegetable juice per day. Because heat-related illness also can result from salt depletion, it may be advisable to substitute an electrolyte-rich sports drink for water during periods of extreme heat and humidity.
- Take additional precautions when exercising or working outdoors. The general recommendation is to drink 24 ounces of fluid two hours before exercise, and consider adding another 8 ounces of water or sports drink right before exercise. During exercise, you should consume another 8 ounces of water every 20 minutes, even if you don't feel thirsty.
- Reschedule or cancel outdoor activity. If possible, shift your time outdoors to the coolest times of the day, either early morning or after sunset.

Other strategies for preventing heat stroke include:

- Monitoring the color of your urine. Darker urine is a sign of dehydration. Be sure to drink enough fluids to maintain very light-colored urine.
- Measuring your weight before and after physical activity. Monitoring lost water weight can help you determine how much fluid you need to drink.

Avoid fluids containing caffeine or alcohol, because both substances can make you lose more fluids and worsen heat-related illness. Also, do not take salt tablets unless your doctor has told you to do so. The easiest and safest way to replace salt and other electrolytes during heat waves is to drink sports beverages or fruit juice.

Check with your doctor before increasing liquid intake if you have epilepsy or heart, kidney, or [liver](#) disease; are on fluid-restricted diets; or have a problem with fluid retention.



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 [safety tips](#), [facts and figures](#), [video instruction](#), and [additional resources](#) on how to safely share the road with motorcyclists.

Article courtesy of Florida Department of Transportation Traffic Safety Office.



Dress Loud & Ride Proud

BIKERS PRAYER



May the sun rise in front of me
The rain fall behind me and the wind follow me.
May the angels guard my travels
For they know what is ahead of me.

Keep me safe through rolling hills and swirling turns.
Let the eagle guide me to the mountain tops.
Let the moon's light guide me through the night.
Lord, thank you for letting me be a biker. Amen.

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submitted by: **Jim Hodge**

Former National OPS Director, Regional, District and Chapter Director
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Gold Wing Road Riders Association

September Birthdays

- 9 Margaret Vaughn
- 12 Genie Deaton
- 14 Jeanna Phillips
- 19 Joel Deaton



September Anniversaries

None this Month

In Appreciation



In appreciation to Joel & Genie Deaton for representing Chapter I-2 as Couple of the Year 2012 (COY).

CONCERNS

Margaret Vaughn, your Editor, continued complications due to her C.O.P.D. condition.



District Team members, Vicky Martin is recovering from Open Heart surgery for an Aortic Valve Replacement, and Julie Degler will be having Knee replacement in Nov.

Congratulations
Couple of the Year (COY) 2013



Congratulations to Margaret & Ronnie Vaughn for being selected as Chapter I-2's Couple of the Year 2013 (COY).

WELCOME !

Thank you all for joining us today, it's nice to see the familiar faces of our chapter family. We would especially like to welcome our visitors, it's great to meet new people and have previous visitors return again.



Chapter I-2 Mascots
Bucky & Cupcake Blacksheep





Up Coming Events



- June 13-15** GWRRRA Georgia District Convention, "Wing Fling 2013", Dillard House, Dillard, GA.
- June 15** No Chapter I-2 Monthly Gathering due to the Ga. District Convention participation!
- June 22** **Lunch** Ride to Wendell's Country Restaurant, 5012 Helen Hwy 75 between Cleveland and Helen, Sautee Nacoochee, GA, leave Lavonia at 10 am, Eat at 11:30.
- July 3-6** **Chapter Day-ride on the 5th** to "GWRRRA Wing Ding 35" at the TD Convention Center (formerly the Carolina First Center) in Greenville, South Carolina. Leave Lavonia at 8:30 am.
- July 20** Chapter I-2 Gathering at Shoney's. Eat at 11am, Meeting 12-1pm.
- July 27** Dinner ride to the Redd House in Nicholson, GA, leave Lavonia Exxon at 3:30, need to be at the restaurant by 4:30.
- August 17** Chapter I-2 Gathering at Shoney's. Eat at 11am, Meeting 12-1pm.
- August 24** Lunch Ride to Cupboard Cafe in Dillard, GA. Billy and Charlene promise, "You won't be disappointed and you won't go away hungry!" Open daily – 706-746-5700. Leave from Lavonia Exxon at 10:30am.
- September 21** Chapter I-2 Gathering at Shoney's. Eat at 11am, Meeting 12-1pm.
- September 28** Lunch Ride to Vanna BBQ, Vanna, Ga. Leave Lavonia Exxon at 10:30 am.
- October 7-15** Several of our Chapter I-2 participants have decided to venture on an extended Fall road-trip to **Key West Fl.**
- October 19** Chapter I-2 Gathering at Shoney's. Eat at 11am, Meeting 12-1pm.
- October 21** "Motorist Awareness" Class/Seminar being held at Line Fire Dept, 545 Pleasant hill Cr. Martin Ga. starting at 6pm.
- October 26** Lunch Ride to Smokin Pig BBQ, 6630 Highway 76, Pendleton, SC. Leave Lavonia Exxon at 10:30am.
- November 5th & 6th** We will have a full CPR and First Aid Class, 6p.m. to 9:30 p.m. each night, at Line Fire Dept., 545 Pleasant hill Cr. Martin, Ga.
- November 9** GA. District Wind-Down, "Civitan Fairgrounds", Hwy 257, Dublin, GA.
- November 15** Chapter I-2 "End of Year Party" set-up at 5:30 pm. Dinner-ride afterward to Down Town Cafe in Lavonia.
- November 16** Chapter I-2 "End of Year Celebration"! New Franklin Christian Church, 4244 New Franklin Church Rd, (Hwy.327), Canon, GA. Same location as last year. Hope you can make-it !!
- But no Chapter I-2 Gathering at Shoney's in November, or December. See Ya next year..**



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 ronaldmargaret@bellsouth.net .**



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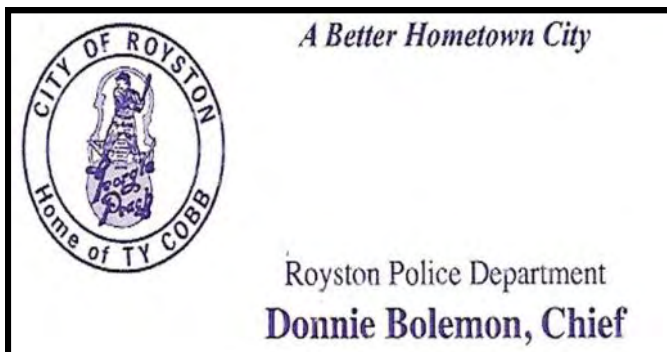
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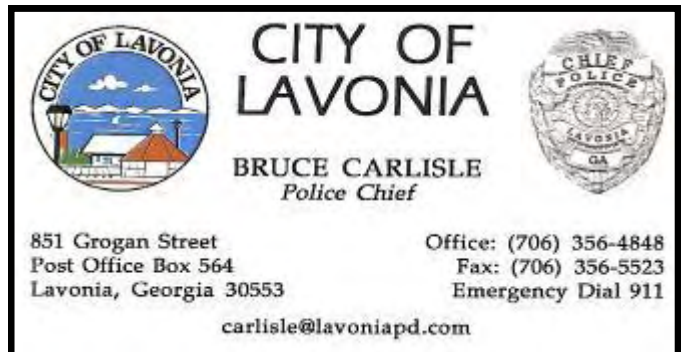
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8	Margaret Vaughn's Birt... 9	10	11	GWRRR Region "A" Convention ♦ Lakepoint State Park Resort Lodge, Eufaula, AL. Genie Deaton Birthday ● 12	13	Jeanna Phillips Birthday ● 14
15	16	17	18	Joel Deaton Birthday ● 19	20	▶ 11:00AM - 1:00PM Chapter I-2 Monthly Gathering ("Shoney's, Lavonia, GA) 21
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October 2013



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Linda Palmer Birthday ●	Chapter Road-Trip to Key West Florida					
6	7	Cynthia Callahan's Birt...	Larry & Delores Crouse... Melinda Brothers Birth...	10	Cilla Cartwright's BD. ●	Arthur Seavey's Birthday ●
Chapter Road-Trip to Key West Florida			Cilla & Paul Cartwright'...			▶ 11:00AM - 1:00PM Chapter I-2 Monthly Gathering ("Shoney's", Lavonia, GA)
Phil & Linda Palmer An...	Arthur & Lucy Seavey's ...	15	16	17	18	19
Larry Crouses' Birthday ●	Dalton Nichelson's Birth... ▶ 6:00PM - 7:00PM Motorist Awareness Seminar (Line Fire Dept, 545 Pleasant hill Cr. Martin Ga.)	22	23	24	25	▶ 10:30AM - 1:30PM Chapter I-2 Lunch Ride (Smokin Pig BBQ, 6630 Highway 76, Pendleton, SC 29670)
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TIME TO RIDE

Vicky and I just returned from a chapter ride and I must say it was the best ride we have been on in quite a while. There were 22 members that participated in the ride. The temperature ranged between 72 and 80 degrees throughout the ride and there was no rain at all. That was a pleasant change from what we have been experiencing this summer. It has been a very wet and hot summer here in Georgia. If it wasn't raining the temperature and humidity would be extremely high. In turn makes for unpleasant and unfavorable motorcycle riding conditions.

Now as we enter into the month of September, when the days usually start to cool off a little and hopefully be dryer as well. There are several events coming up that can prove to be great rides. We hope that you can take advantage of some of these classes and events. Remember participation is the key to receiving the maximum benefit of your membership in GWRRA. Riding with the chapter members, visit other

chapters, attend educational programs, rallies and events. Get involved and have a great time with your GWRRA friends and family. Visit the Georgia District website <http://gwrra-ga.com> for a list of upcoming events and activities.

The GWRRA Region "A" Convention is coming up on September 12th -14th at the Lakepoint State Park Resort Lodge in Eufaula, AL. Where, the Georgia District Couple of the Year, Larry and Pamela Clemmer will be competing in the Region "A" Couple of the Year selection process. We hope that you will be able to attend and show them your support as they represent the Georgia District in the selection process. Georgia is responsible for manning the Hospitality Room at the Region "A" Convention again this year. If you would like to help out for a couple of hours in the hospitality room please let us know. We hope to see you all there.

Tommy & Vicky

A LOOK FROM A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE

I was recently catching up on my reading and, as I was working my way through a stack of motorcycling magazines, I was taken by an article in ***Rider***. First I need to stop here and recognize GA-A longtime member Jim Thomas. He is the one who always keeps me supplied with the various motorcycling magazines that I learn so much from. From ***Rider*** to ***Roadrunner***, ***Cycle World*** to ***AMA*** when ever we get a chance to meet up with our Home Chapter he always has a new stack of magazines for me to read. Thank you Jim, it is very much appreciated!

As I was saying, while reading the August 2013 edition of ***Rider***, I was taken by an article written by Clement Salvadori. His monthly column ***Road Tales*** is a must read for me. As a long time motorcyclist and writer he brings a unique perspective to our sport. His article for August was ***Reality Motorcycling***. Some of the information he presented in that article got my mind spinning. (Hold the smelling smoke jokes) I think some form of this information was tucked somewhere in the back recesses of my mind, but it never clicked until this article crossed my path. It was like the proverbial light came on.

Clement states that there are 10 million registered motorcycles in the US. 8 million of those are 2-wheel. He figures on top of that another few million family members and friends support these mo-

torcycling enthusiasts. Here is one of those facts that really put this into perspective: the US population presently stands at about 300 million. That means that roughly 290 million people in this great country of ours have no idea of what motorcycling or triking is all about.

He further states that the majority of these 290 million folks get their information about motorcycling and motorcyclist from TV through a dysfunctional family on "***American Chopper***" and a fully fictional series on FX called "***Sons of Anarchy***". Of course, for us mature folks, there is the Marlon Brando film "***The Wild One***" from the 1950's. The reality is; approximately 10 million out of 300 million have any idea or clue what motorcycling is really all about.

Now for my spin, put this into a **Motorist Awareness** scenario. What is the public at hand actually thinking we are when, and IF, they see us? What are their preconceived notions about us? We are approximately 3% of the population. How is that for a different perspective?

We are not a part of the vast majority of Americans every day life. Out of sight, out of mind fits here. Easily this falls into the **Imperceptible Blindness** theory. They are not thinking about us, they are not looking for us because we are not a part of their standard routine.

This does not make it right, nor does it excuse it. What it really becomes is an explanation as to why all of us, who ride, are familiar with the phrase: "I never saw them"!

What are we as motorcyclist and trikers going to do about it? How important do you believe **Motorist Awareness** becomes now? It just strengthens the argument for getting involved and making a difference. Ultimately the answer lies within each and every one of us who has enjoyed the pleasure of swinging a leg over the seat and setting out on an adventure. That's right, when we get in a car or a truck we are traveling from one point to another. When we climb aboard our magnificent machines we are setting out on an adventure. It could be a short one to the store or a close by restaurant (a GWRRA thang) or maybe a cross country trip of a lifetime. The sights, the smells, the wind in our faces....There are no pictures, books, movies or media that can convey what we feel when we ride. The only way to know is to actually experience it first-hand.

Let us step up our efforts to educate our fellow motorist about "**Sharing the Road!**" When families approach us and you feel comfortable, allow the young children to sit on the seat. We truly believe that making an impression on the young will carry a life-long benefit. We teach Fire Safety in the schools at a young age, why not Motorcycle Safety and Motorist

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Julie & Roy
Degler
Ride Educator

"Is it just me or has the driving public lost their collective minds? ...When did driving stop being a privilege and treated like a right?"



SEPTEMBER 2013

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1	Labor Day 	3 GA-S	4	5	6	7 GA-E, F2, G OCP
8	9 GA-Q, T	10	11	12 GA-K, M	13	14 GA-B, D, P
15	16 GA-O	17	18	Region "A" Convention		21 GA-A, C2, I2, J GA-D MAD Traveler's
22 <i>Fall</i> 	23	24 GA-R	25	26 GA-H, L	27	28 GA-B2, E2 GA-A Fun Day
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Schedule of Events

- September 7, 2013—Officer Certification Program (OCP), Warner Robins
- September 12-14, 2013 Region "A" Convention, Eufaula, AL
- September 21, 2013—GA-D's Annual MAD Event, Cumming
- September 28, 2013—GA-A's 'Teerific' Fun Day, Forsyth
- October 5, 2013—GA-Q's Desert Auction, Warner Robins
- October 6, 2013—Officer Certification Program (OCP), Buford
- October 17-19, 2013—Mississippi District Rally, Gulfport
- November 9, 2013—Wind Down, Dublin Civitan Club.

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

Georgia Traveler's Plaque: Chapter GA-E2, captured the plaque from GA-C2. The plaque will be given away on September 21st at Western Sizzin, 230 US Highway 80 E, Pooler, GA. Eat at 11:00 AM; meet at 12:00 Noon.

Region A Wanderer: Chapter SC-J captured the Wanderer from SC-M. It will be traded in for the new Region Plaque at the Region "A" Rally.

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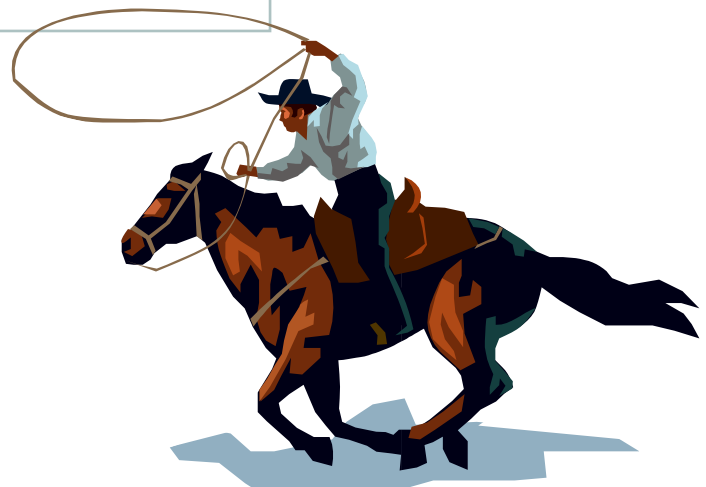
Awareness?

When we ride make sure we wear high visibility materials that draw attention to our existence. We Need to be seen! We Need to be noticed! Our lives and our loved ones lives depend upon it. Keep your head on a swivel and trust your instincts. If something does not seem right trust that your brain is trying to figure out what that is and prepare to act.

We look forward to many more years of riding and many more adventures! All of us working together can help make our sport, our passion, Safer for everyone. Join our mission of spreading Motorist Awareness "One Motorist at a Time". You will be glad that you did!

Until next time: Be Safe—We'll see you on the road!

Roy & Julie



Are you ready for a GoldWing Rodeo? Join us next June in Dillard for the Georgia District Rally!



Jim & Dee Allen
Leadership
Trainer

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Leadership
Training

As part of the Leadership Training Team in GWRRA, you are a LEADER. But remember that you are also a leader to your family, friends, and co-workers. People are always watching what we do, and how we handle everyday situations.

Have you ever wondered about how leaders think? There is a tremendous amount of intuition involved in our lives. Some people are born with great leadership intuition, and others have to work hard to develop and hone it. No matter how it evolves, the result is a combination of natural ability and learned skills. Intuition also helps leaders become **readers** of the numerous intangibles we are faced with.

Leaders are readers of their **situation**. In all kinds of circumstances, they capture details that elude others. Often you can tell that something is going on- you can just feel it. Usually by talking with your staff and other people, you are able to get the pulse of what is going on, and are able to track down potential problems before they get out of hand.

Leaders are readers of **trends**. Everything that happens around us does so in the context of a bigger picture. Leaders have the ability to step back from what's happening at the moment and see not only where they and their people have gone, but also where they are headed in the future. It's as if they can smell a change in the wind.

LEADERS

Leaders are readers of their **resources**. A major difference between achievers and leaders is the way they see resources. Successful individuals think in terms of what they can do. Successful leaders, on the other hand, see every situation in terms of available resources, such as: finances, raw materials, technology, and most important, people. They never forget that PEOPLE are their greatest asset.

Leaders are readers of **people**. Many politicians will say that when you walk into a room, if you can't tell who's for you and who's against you, you don't belong in politics.

That statement also applies to leadership. Intuitive leaders can sense what's happening among people and almost instantly knows their hopes, fears, and concerns.

Leaders are readers of **themselves**. Finally, good leaders develop the ability to read Themselves, their strengths, skills, weaknesses, and current state of mind. They recognize the truth in the statement: "No one can produce great things who is not thoroughly sincere in dealing with himself."

The principles of leadership are constant, but the application changes with every leader and every situation. That's why it requires intuition. Without it, you can get blindsided, and that is some-

thing that can be avoided with proper planning. If you want to lead a long time, and be successful doing it, you need to use your powers of intuition.

In the next couple of months two Officer Certification Programs (OCP) will be offered. These programs can be of great benefit to your officers, members who may want to become officers and chapter participants. The programs will offer valuable leadership training that will benefit the officers and membership with their GWRRA duties and will also provide a boost to the professional development in their personal lives. Please notify your chapter officers and participants of these offerings at your next meeting or if you have already had your meeting this month please notify them by whatever method you see fit. I am sorry for the short notice, however I ask for your understanding. Please encourage your officers and chapter participants to attend these programs as it will only make your chapter stronger.

The programs and locations are as follows:

OFFICER CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS (OCP)

September 7, 2013 - beginning 9:00am
Location: Flint Electric Coop. 900 Highway 96
Warner Robins, Georgia 31095

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TIME TO SAY "THANKS"



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

"Wind Down is the time we—your district staff—have the opportunity to say thanks to all our members for another great year."



With the summer vacation almost over and school starting back that means the holidays will soon be here. What a great time of year. A lot of chapters have planned their annual leaf rides. The next event your District staff has planned is of course Wind Down. For those that don't know Wind Down is the time we—your district staff—have the opportunity to say thanks to all our members for another great year. We have a nice lunch with desserts planned and the best part it is free. There are some games planned so you can win some nice door prizes and of course 50/25/25 sales. The highlight of the event is

we will be selecting a new District Couple of the Year. We have 3 fantastic couples that are honoring their chapter and entering the selection process. Dean & Candace Watts from Chapter B2, Nick George & Sandy Smith from Chapter J and Vance & Fern Oakes from Chapter S. Wind Down will be on November 9th in Dublin, Georgia at the Civitan center. Please make plans to come out and support your district team and the couples going through the selection as your next District Couple of the Year.

trict Couple of the Year Larry and Pamela Clemmer from Chapter A is in the Selection process for your next Region A couple of the Year. If you haven't planned on attending give it a thought. It is another way to have a great chapter ride. Your Georgia team is responsible for the Region hospitality room. If you are planning to attend we could use a little help with the room. Just sitting in air conditioning socializing for an hour or two. Lets us know if you can help.

Ride safe and often,
Sid & Donna

Don't forget September 12, 13, 14th is the Region A rally. In Eufaula, Alabama. Your current Dis-

**Congratulations to Our 2013
Couples of the Year!**

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| International —Greg & Renee Dempsey | GA-B2—Dean & Candace Watts | GA-J—Nick George & Sandy Smith |
| Region A—Dana & Joe Voight | GA-D—Buddy & Debbie Bertram | GA-L—Scott & Jackie Whitener |
| Georgia District—Larry & Pamela Clemmer | GA-E2 Clarence and Pat Taylor | GA-S—Vance & Fern Oakes |
| GA-A—Bryan & Nina Douglas | GA-H—John & Lynn Hyde | GA-T—Ralph & Debbie Stewart |
| | GA-I2—Ronnie & Margaret Vaughn | |

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October 6, 2013 - beginning 9:00am
Location: 2510 Mill Center Parkway NE Buford, Georgia (around the back

of the building)

Anyone wishing to attend these programs should register under the leadership tab on the GWRRA GA District Website. If you have a question,

please feel free to call me at the number below.

Jim & Dee
Home: 770-957-7484
Cell: 404-435-7527

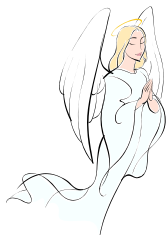
Among our sick

- Dee Lozano, GA-S
- Amy Yates, GA-S
- Gary Verhulst, GA-S

In Memory

- Vicky Martin, GA-T & Georgia District

- Mother of Larry Clemmer, GA-A & Georgia COY

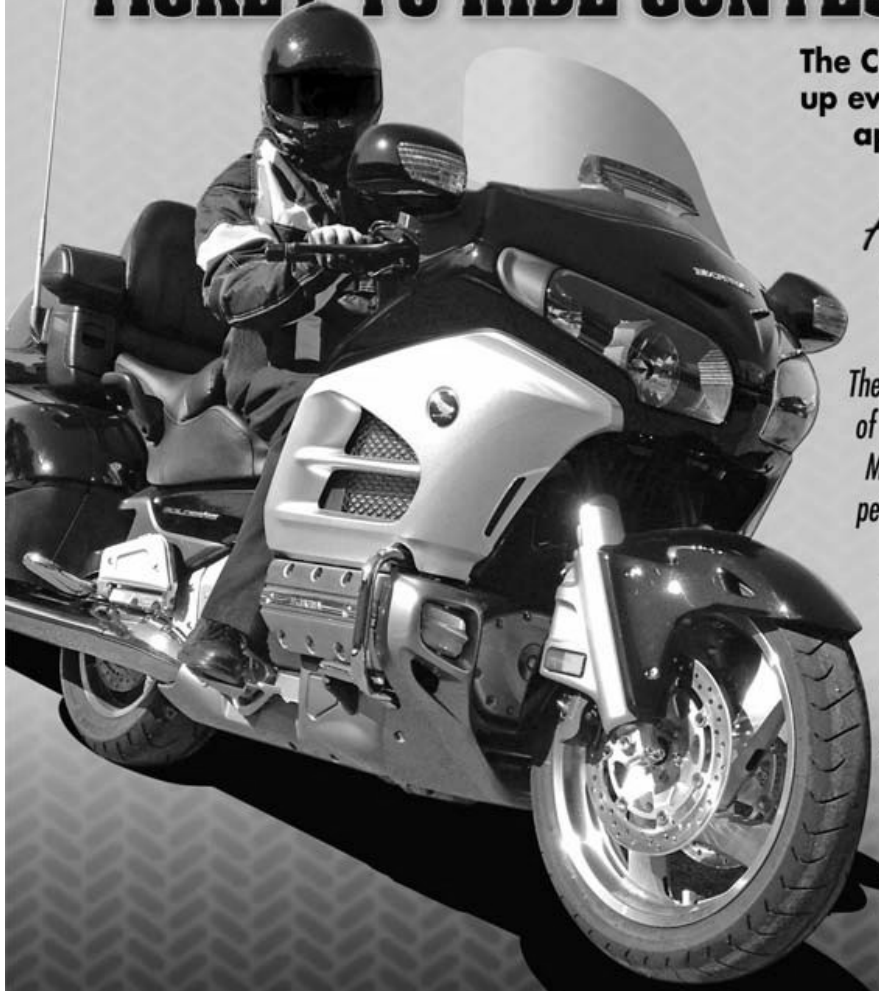




Win a Brand New 2012 Gold Wing GL1800

GWRRRA

TICKET TO RIDE CONTEST UPDATE!



The CONTEST has been picking up even more momentum as it approaches its deadline on **September 30, 2013.**

How do you get in on the contest, you ask?

The "Ticket to Ride" contest is open to all of our existing Members and to all new Members who join during this contest period through September 30th, 2013.

As of 7/11/2013 there are 65,538 GWRRRA Transactions that have qualified for tickets.

WOW!!!

As of 7/11/2013 44,164 GWRRRA Members have participated in the contest.

To date 99,685 points/tickets have been issued.

Effective 8/12/2013 through 9/30/2013

This is how you can earn your tickets...

Find-A-Friend • Every new household recruited under the Find-A-Friend Referral Program will now receive 10 Points/Tickets

Three Year Membership • Receive 10 Points/Tickets

Three Year Rescue Plus Emergency Roadside Assistance • Receive 10 Points/Tickets

Preregister at Wing Ding 36 convention in Madison, WI • Receive 10 Points/Tickets

WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!