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GWRRA LAVONIA, GA

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Director's Notes

March has come and gone with a lot of good riding weather. April is here with summer like weather. I hope you are out riding and enjoying the nice days we are having.

We had a large crowd at out March Gathering with 40 attending. Our Dinner Ride was a little off this month, we had 10 going to Hog Wild in Clarkesville. We had a great time.

Our Dinner Ride will be on April 28, in line at 4:30pm, Redd House Restaurant, Nicholson, GA, located at 2267 Thyatira-Brockton Rd.-- halfway between Jefferson (Hwy. 11) and Nicholson (Hwy. 441) via Hwy 335 (Brockton Rd.).



May 5th we will have our ARC class at the Franklin County Recreation Center, beginning at 8 a.m. We have almost a full class at the writing of this article. We have 1 slot still open. If you would like to attend, please register ASAP.

May 19 is our next Gathering at Shoney's .

Don't forget our Motor Awareness on May 26 at the Georgia Welcome Center I-85 South. Please let us know if you plan to help.



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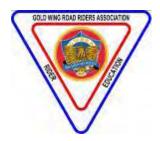
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Chapter I-2 Mascots Bucky & Cupcake Blacksheep

Ride Safe !!!! Frank

Larry Crouse Chapter Educator



Are Your Chapter Riders in a Group ... Or a Gaggle?

I'll bet you've seen plenty of both — the nice tight staggered formation of five or so Wings, each one a second behind the offset bike moving as a unit — or, a string of seemingly unrelated motorcycles who all coincidentally happen to be going in the same direction.

Before you decide one is correct and the other not, recognize that each style is a matter of choice. But if your Chapter chooses to ride as a group, or a team, there are some things to keep in mind, things that will first, promote safety, second, enhance the enjoyment of the ride, and third ... look cool.

The GWRRA Team Riding Manual is full of tips and tactics for successful team riding. Every Chapter should have at least one copy. If not, see your Chapter Educator. Another excellent resource is the Road Captain Course available through your Educator or as a download from the GWRRA Web site.

A point that each of these manuals make that is not always put into practice, is the role of the leader and the tail gunner, or drag. In fact, the Team Riding Manual calls the lead bike, "Team Point" and the last bike in line the "Team Captain." As the titles suggest, the rider up front is not the leader (read - not in charge of the group). The lead bike and the drag bike share leadership responsibilities equally. They are both responsible for the safety of the group, and each has specific responsibilities relative to their positions in the group. Read the manual for the details.

The first question every Chapter must ask is, "which way do we want to ride?" Exerting influence on members to ride as a team, or a group, or a gaggle, if they would rather make another choice, does not make for a happy riding experience. Some Chapters divide their flights by style of riding. Those decisions are best made among Chapter members.

April Birthdays

Joe Colvard	4/8
Karen Lewis	4/15
Bruce Gregory	4/23



April Anniversaries

Larry & Linda Watkins 4/5 Rod & Melanie Oliver 4/22

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CONCERNS

Bruce Gregory with his illness

Carolyn Vickery with broken foot

Johnny Smith recovering from broken leg and esophagus surgery

Ronnie Vaughn Surgery for impacted wisdom tooth

Ronnie Lewis upcoming CAT scan of the lymph nodes and polyp surgery

Ralph Jordan, father of Karen Lewis, had heart surgery — valve replacement. Please pray for his speedy recover

Linda Palmer Hospital stay for bleeding-ulcers

Tim Swain Chain-saw accident

Mitch Farmer recovering from motorcycle accident

Dee Lozano recuperating from bacterial pneumonia. Also, she

will have surgery to examine a small mass on her Pancreas.

Joe Colvard upcoming shoulder surgery



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.



OUR TEAM LEADERS

Frank & Melinda Brothers, Ronnie & Karen Lewis, Bruce Gregory, Larry & Delores Crouse, Genie & Joel Deaton, Jeanna & Alan Phillips, Joe & Merrie Colvard, and Ronnie & Margaret Vaughn.

Take the time to thank our team leaders for the excellent job they do for Chapter I-2.



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Up Coming Events



April 19-21 Alabama District Convention

April 21 Chapter I₂ Gathering at Shoney's. Eat at 11am, Meeting 12pm.

April 26-28 South Carolina District Convention, North Charleston, SC

April 28

Dinner Ride to "The Redd House Restaurant", Nicholson, Ga.

May 5

A.R.C. Advanced Riders Course) Hosted by Chapter I_2 at "Franklin County Recreation Dept.", Rocky Ford Rd., Carnesville, GA.

May 19

Chapter I₂ Gathering at Shoney's. Eat at 11am, Meeting 12pm.

May 26

"Motorist Awareness" (MAD) event hosted by Chapter I₂, for Memorial-Day weekend from 8:30 am— 2:00 pm. "Georgia Welcome/Visitors Center I-85 South at the Georgia/South Carolina line, 938 County Road 84, Lavonia, GA.

May 26 Chapter I₂ Dinner Ride, Location TBA

June 14-16 Georgia District Convention, "Dillard House", Dillard, GA

Bike & Non-Bike Items

- 1. New "Kuryakyn" rider backrest for GoldWing 1800.\$125.00, Contact Joe Colvard (706)988-9048.
- 2. "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.
- 3. ASSORTED BITS AND PIECES LEFT OVER FROM (2) 1800 GOLDWING TRIKE CONVER-SIONS. IF YOU NEED PARTS FOR REPAIRS OR JUST TO HAVE EXTRA ON-HAND CONTACT ME. RONNIE AT (706)340-7320 OR EMAIL <u>RONALDMARGA-RET@BELLSOUTH.NET</u>.
- 4. FOR SALE: POOL TABLE, VITALE PRO 8 POOL TABLE. \$1800. CALL RANDY SIMP-SON 706-546-5202 OR EMAIL <u>SIMPSONRM@BELLSOUTH.NET</u>
- 5. <u>MUSTANG</u> SEAT WITH DRIVER'S REMOVABLE BACKREST TO FIT HONDA SHADOW 1100 SERIES. STILL IN ORIGINAL PLASTIC AND PACKAGING. LIST FOR \$600 WILL LET GO FOR \$400. CALL RONNIE AT (706)340-7320.







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Gold Wing Road Riders Association Georgia District NEWSLETTER Apr

April 2012

Blue Skies and Perfect Temperatures

WOW, is it good riding weather or what? An early spring brings blue skies and perfect temperatures for motorcycle riding. We have just returned from the Florida District Convention and needless to say we didn't win the Gold Wing, but we did have a great time visiting with everyone. Bill and Gina Berry, their District Team and Volunteers put on an excellent Rally. We had loads of fun participating in many of the activities, going to dinner and even taking a short ride with Members of our GWRRA Family. Vicky and I are proud to report that Georgia was well represented at the Florida District Convention and was recognized as the Largest District in attendance from outside Florida. Thanks to the support of the many Members from several different Georgia Chapters. Vicky and I thank every one of you that attended the Florida District Convention and we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did. Chapter GA-D was also recognized as the Largest Chapter in attendance from outside of Florida. Way to Go GA-D!

"CONGRATULATIONS" to "Georgia Chapter A" as being the 2011 Top Recruiting Chapter in all of GWRRA with 148 Members Recruited in 2011. We are proud of Chapter A's accomplishments through the efforts of the Chapter A Members. The Georgia Wing Fling is rapidly approaching and we are very excited about the number of pre-registrations we have received and, as of the writing of this newsletter there are only two rooms available in the Host Hotel. We hope that you are making plans to join us for the Rumble in the Jungle at the Dillard House Convention Center in Dillard, GA. The best way to enjoy a GWRRA 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, Vendors, Ice Cream, Talent Show, Chapter Challenge and District Challenge. CAUTION: This event is not recommended for those that may be afraid to **LAUGH**, have FUN and ENJOY themselves. If you have such a fear, the Doctor recommends that you attend two (2) Chapter Gathering, several Chapter Rides, and other GWRRA activities. In most cases these require to be taken with FOOD!! If you follow these recommendations it will surely prepare you for such an event as The Georgia "Wing Fling" District Convention. We hope to see you there!!

Remember that the Alabama District Convention is coming up **next. Let's go and support our** neighbors in Alabama.

Tommy & Vicky

April 2012

Share the Road and Educate

"Share the Road" is the motto for the Motorist Awareness Program. The Program's mission is to provide information and educate other Motorists on means to reduce crashes, near misses and conflicts with Motorcyclists.

I would like to take this time to congratulate those Chapters in the District that have either recently conducted, or have scheduled in the near future, a Motorist Awareness Event at Highway Rest Stops/ Shopping Centers. These events are a great way to help educate a large population of other motorists in a short period of time. These events are also an aid in helping GWRRA maintain it's "not for profit" status with the IRS.

What a lot of Chapter Participants have failed to understand is the "One Motorist at a Time" concept. I will admit that for the longest, I was one of those that could not get the concept to sink into my thick skull. During the past 9 months I've spoken with Chapter Directors, Educators, Motorist Awareness Coordinators, and Participants. I have found that there are still lot of GWRRA Members not

understanding the concept. Simply put, each time you, as a Member of GWRRA speak to anyanywhere, one, about; (1) Being a Rider or Co-Rider, (2) The Gear you wear while riding, (3) The number of Motorcyclists on the Road, (4) Motorcycle Accidents and/or near Misses, (5) or any other Motorcyclist related information, YOU have just made a Motorist Awareness Presentation about Motorcycling to another Motorist (person to person - one at a time). Most GWRRA Members speak with at least one "other Motorist Person", each time they are out on their Wing, but fail to understand that they have just made another motorist more aware of us, to the benefits of all. This should be reported as a presentation to their respective Chapter Team Member for inclusion into the Rider Education Report, which again helps us maintain that "not for profit" status.

Nearly three fourths of all Motorcycle Accidents involve another Motorist, and two thirds of those accidents are caused by the other motorist failing to yield the right of way to the Motorcycle (1981 HURT Study). We as Riders are responsible for our own actions while riding, and place ourselves at risk while riding. By making a positive presentation to the other Motorist that share the road with us, we have helped improve the riding environment and helped reduce the risk for all motorcyclists.

Each Chapter should have small Motorist Awareness hand outs on hand that are to be presented tο other motorists. Each rider should carry a couple of those handouts with them, and pass them out. Yes, there are those that will politely accept them, and then throw them away as soon as your back is turned. However, that one person that accepts it, reads it, and becomes more aware of us because of it, has made the presentation a possible life saving event.

A I I it takes is educating "one Motorist at a time" that "Share the Road" with us.

"Rumble in the Jungle" is just a few months away; ride safe in order to attend it.

Don



Don Boren Assistant Ride Educator

"Most GWRRA Members speak with at least one 'other motorist persons', each time they are out on their Wing..."



GWRRA Motto "Friends for Fun, Safely and Knowledge"

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22	23	Tax Deadline	25	26 GA-H, L	a District Convention,	²⁸ GA–B2, E2, J
29	30			South Carolina	District Convention, N	orth Charleston

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-T** captured the Traveler from GA-S. The plaque will be given away on April 21st at the Piccadilly Restaurant, 3700 Atlanta Hwy, Suite 160, Athens GA 30606. Sign in 11:30 AM—12:30 PM.

Region A Wanderer: **GA-L** captured the Wanderer from AL-Y. It will be given away on Saturday, April 14th at Western Sizzlin, 801 Martha Berry Blvd. NW, Rome, GA 30165. 11:00 AM—12:30 PM. Sign in by 11:30 AM to be eligible for the plaque

"Jungle Drums" A Wing Fling Update



Things just keep getting better and better—we now have over **265** GWRRA members schedule to attend our "Rumble in the Jungle" this June. What a party we will have!

While we want you to hang around the host hotel, enjoying all the wonderful events, training, camaraderie, safety chrome and food we have to share at the Dillard House, the northeast Georgia Mountains offer some amazing riding opportunities for you to take pleasure in as well. To the west, off of Highway 180, you will find the highest peak in Georgia at Brasstown Bald. A little bit closer in you will find Hwy 197 which takes

you by Lake Burton. By turning eastward on Burton Dam Road you can make the loop following Seed Lake and Lake Rabun before coming back out on Hwy 441. Westward, out of Clayton, is Warwoman Road, which is a great ride. By turning north on Hwy 28, you can make the trip into Highlands, NC, before following Hwy 106 back to Dillard.

There will be no shortage of fun, so we will see you in Dillard!

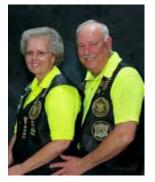
Schedule of Events

- March 31—April 1, 2012— Officer Certification Program, Richard B. Russell Regional Airport, J.H. Towers Field 304, Russell Field Road, Roam, GA 30165. Classes start at 8:30 AM
- April 19-21, 2012—Alabama District Convention, Mobile
- April 26-28, 2012—South Carolina District Convention, North Charleston
- May 5th—GA-R Picnic, Dallas Landing Park, Acworth, GA. \$6/person
- May 19th—GA-D Motorist Awareness Day. 1250 Market Place, Cumming, GA 10:00 AM—2:00 PM
- June 14-16, 2012—Georgia District Convention/Rally "The Rumble in the Jungle" The Dillard House, Dillard, GA.
- July 4-7, 2012—Wing Ding, Fort Wayne, IN.
- September 8, 2012—GA-Q's Dessert Auction & Burger Burn, Warner Robins.
- September 13-15, 2012— Region A Convention, Eufaula, AL.



Know what this is? Scan it with your phone's OR reader and see where we want you to be!

April 2012



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

"Remember the Couple selected with represent your chapter; make sure they have a good and positive attitude towards thea chapter and the GWRRA."

Your Couple of the Year

With our annual officer's conference behind us. I'd like to thank all the Chapter Director's Educators, Membership Enhancement Coordinators, Treasure's and everyone else who showed an interest in their chapter's and to learn about what's new for 2012. A lot of valuable information was passed out. A couple of key items to remember about selecting a Couple to represent your chapter Don't just select a couple because it is considered their turn. Make

sure they are members and their membership will last through their term. Remember the Couple selected will represent your chapter; make sure they have a good and positive attitude towards the chapter GWRRA. and Honor them at each gathering; encourage them to visit other chapters and events and promote your chapter.

For all the new Chapter Couples for 2012, please put in your planner or calendar May 12th 2012. We are currently working on a get together for all the Chapter couples and our District Couple. We are still working on the plans and will communicate it to everyone well in advance. Just save the date. I wish to thank everyone for what they do to help make GWRRA in Georgia a great organization to belong to.

Sid & Donna

Our 2012 Couples of the Year!

- Region A—Greg & Renee Dempsey
- Georgia District—Dick & Peg Hopkins
- GA-A—Larry & Pam Clemmer
- GA-B2—Clarrance & Sue Gregory
- GA-D—Don & Colleen Taylor

- GA-E2—Jim & Marye Glenn Pope GA-F2—John & Alice Keely
- GA-H—Jimmie & Betty Strickland
- GA-12–Joel & Genie Deaton
- GA-J-Steve & Susie Beach
- GA-L—Jim & Melissa Hegwood

GA-P-Frank & Laura Line

GA-S—Glenn & Joyce Argo

GA-T—Jack & Carol Swanson

Missing your Chapter Couple of the year? Be sure to let Sid Cohen know so that we can add them to the list and honor them in next month's newsletter!





A Benefit of your GWRRA Membership

VPI Pet Insurance provides healthcare coverage for your dog, cat, bird, hamster or other exotic **pet. As a member, you'll** receive a 5% group discount on your VPI Policy. Plus owners of multiple pets are entitled to received additional discounts. With coverage from VPI your pets are protect if they are injured or become iII. Policies will reimburse you for eligible veterinary expenses related to surgeries, hospitalization, Xrays, prescriptions, medications and more, at any veterinarian. For more information call 877-PETS-VPI.

Among our sick

Larry Clemmer, dislocated hip, GA-A JJ Etzle, undergoing chemotherapy, GA-E2

In Memory

- A. Carol Tuneburg, mother of Joyce Piotrowski, GA-A
- Jo Neal Freeman, wife of Everette Freeman , $\ensuremath{\mathsf{GA}}-\ensuremath{\mathsf{H}}$

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8:30AM - 4:30PM Officers Certification Program (304, Russell Field Road Rome, Georgia 30165)	2	3	4	Larry & Linda Watkins • 6:00PM - 8:00PM S.C. Chapter-I Invitation for Recognition of their Couple of the Year. (Los Amigos in Seneca, SC)	6	7
Easter Sunday ♦ United State Joe Colvard Birthday ●	9	10	11	12	13	14
Karen Lewis' Birthday •	16	17	18	19	20	 11:00AM - 1:00PM Chapter I-2 Monthly Gathering ("Shoney's, Lavonia, GA)
	Bruce Gregory's Birthday •			South Carolina District 28t	h Annua ♦ 9280 University B1	
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Mother's Day	14	15	16	17	18	 11:00AM - 1:00PM Chapter I-2 Monthly Gathering ("Shoney's, Lavonia, GA)
20	21	22	23	Ronnie Lewis' Birthday •	25	 8:30AM - 2:00PM "Motorist Awareness" (M.A.D.) event hosted by GWRRA Ga. Chapter I-2 ("Georgia W 4:30PM - 7:30PM Ga I-2 Dinner Ride (TBA)
27	Tim Swain's Birthday	29	30	31	1	2