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#### GWRRA LAVONIA, GA

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#### **Director's Notes**

We had a lot of participation at Wing-Fling. Chapter I-2 entered into several contests and WON some awards. Our Web page won First Place, thanks to Ronnie Vaughn for all his hard work. Our Newsletter won First Place for Black and White Edition, thanks to Margaret Vaughn for her dedication. Our Group Picture took Second Place, and the Goodie Contest took Second Place, Thanks to Karen Lewis for being a great Cook. The Shirt Contest, we tied for First Place with Chapter D. Special Thanks to Joe and Merrie Colvard, for the design of the new shirt.

Everyone had a great time at the Dillard House. The Dillard House was a great place for the Convention. The food was good, the service was great and there was room to do things. We will be returning next year to the Dillard House for the 2013 Convention. I would like to thank our District staff for a job well done.

Our Dinner ride to Harbor Inn in Anderson, S.C. We had eleven members. The food was great as always.

Our next Dinner ride will be a day ride July 28. It will be a mystery Ride in the North Georgia Mountains. We will eat lunch and return home somewhere around 4 p.m. We will leave Lavonia Exxon at 10:00 A.M. Come ready to ride!!!!!

Our next gathering will be at Shoney's on Aug. 18.

Please ride safe!!!

Frank



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**Lightning** is the MOST UNDERRATED weather hazard. On average, only floods kill more people. Lightning is most often seen in thunderstorms. In fact, lightning is what makes thunderstorms. Lightning makes every single thunderstorm a potential killer. Forecasting when and where lightning will strike is not yet possible and most likely never will be.

In the United States, lightning routinely kills more people each year than tornadoes or hurricanes. Only lightning can strike outside the storm itself, and is the first thunderstorm hazard to arrive and the last to leave and knows no boundaries.

Since lightning is so unpredictable no one can guarantee an individual or group absolute protection from lightning. However, knowing and following proven lightning safety guidelines can greatly reduce the risk of injury or death.

While no place is 100% safe from lightning, some places are much safer than others. Buildings that are NOT SAFE (even if they are "grounded") have exposed openings. Convertible vehicles offer no safety from lightning, even if the top is "up". Other vehicles, which are NOT SAFE during lightning storms, are those which have open cabs, such as golf carts, tractors, and construction equipment.

The safest location during a thunderstorm is inside a large enclosed structure with plumbing and electrical wiring. If lightning strikes the building, the plumbing and wiring will conduct the electricity better than a human body. If you are using any electrical appliances or plumbing fixtures (INCLUDING telephones and computers), and a storm is overhead, you are putting yourself at risk! If no buildings are available, then an enclosed metal vehicle such as an automobile, van, or school bus makes a decent alternative. If you are inside a vehicle, put the windows up, and avoid contact with any conducting paths leading to the outside of the vehicle.





Jeanna Phillips, Motorist Awareness Coordinator

# Dress Loud & Ride Proud

#### **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, <a href="http://www.msf-usa.org/">http://www.msf-usa.org/</a>, 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".



#### **July Birthdays**

**Delores Crouse** 

7/3





#### **July Anniversaries**

Genie & Joel Deaton 7/4

Terry & Tim Swain 7/6

#### **Concerns**



**Bruce Gregory,** Emergency stay in "Northeast Georgia Medical Center", Gainesville, Ga. due to his existing illness. Bruce will be recovering at his brother's home in Alabama.

**Mike Harbold, "ABATE",** Critical condition in "Northeast Georgia Medical Center", Gainesville, Ga. Mike is having Liver problems, in addition his kidneys have failed and he's now on dialysis.

**Terry Swain's** father of Greensboro, NC. Is in failing health. Please keep Terry & Tim in your thoughts, and prayers.

#### **CONDOLENCES**

Shane Funderburke, with the passing of his grandmother,
.Lois Funderburke, July 7th.





#### **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.



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#### **Up Coming Events**



July 4-7 GWRRA Wing Ding 34, Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

July 21 Chapter I-2 Gathering at Shoney's. Eat at 11am, Meeting 12pm.

July 28 Chapter I-2 Mystery Dinner-Ride, somewhere in the North Georgia Mountains.

August 18 Chapter I-2 Gathering at Shoney's. Eat at 11am, Meeting 12pm.

August 25 Chapter I-2 Dinner-Ride, Time & Place to be decided.

September 13-15 Region "A" 2012 Convention, Eufaula, AL

September 15 Chapter I-2 Gathering at Shoney's. Eat at 11am, Meeting 12pm.

September 20-22 "Wings Over the Smokies", Cabarrus Arena & Events Center in Concord, NC

September 22 Chapter I-2 Dinner-Ride, Time & Place to be decided.

October 11-13 Mississippi District Convention, Biloxi, MS

October 20 Chapter I-2 Gathering at Shoney's. Eat at 11am, Meeting 12pm.

October 27 LAST DINNER RIDE of the year!

November 10 GA. District Wind-Down, "Civitan Fairgrounds", Hwy 257, Dublin, GA

November 17 Chapter I-2 end of the Year Party!

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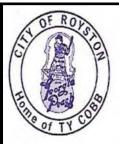
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8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	11:00AM - 1:00PM Chapter I-2 Monthly Gathering ("Shoney's, Lavonia, GA)
22	23	24	25	26	27	▶ 10:00AM - 4:00PM Chapter I-2 Mystery Dinner Ride (It will be a mystery Ride in the North Georgia Mountains.)
29	30	31	1	2	3	Mack Adams Birthday

# August 2012



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#### Gold Wing Road Riders Association

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**NEWSLETTER** 

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#### BACK TO DILLARD IN 2013!

We have now logged another Georgia District Convention into the History Books. It was a wonderful gathering of GWRRA friends and family in downtown Dillard, Georgia for the "Rumble in the Jungle"! There were 528 delegates in attendance at the 2012 Georgia District Convention and we truly hope that it was an enjoyable and memorable experience for everyone that attended. We all know that a District Team cannot put on a District Convention without the help of volunteering members. We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to the Georgia District Team, the vendors, all volunteering members and all that attended the 2012 Wing Fling.

There were plenty of activities for everyone to participate in; several games, contests, Chapter challenges, and seminars of all kinds. It was a pleasant sight to see the members having FUN as they were participating in the various activities. I must say, the talent show was second to none! From the comedy acts where we laughed until we nearly cried (I worried about some of these folks, if you were there you know what I am talking about) to the serious acts where our singing members did an outstanding job.

We must recognize the fine performance of the Dillard House management and their staff. The facility is fantastic and they were always ready to provide us with whatever was needed. And the FOOD was incredible! They grilled 1/2 a pig right in front of the Convention Center. There were two buffet tables set up and you were allowed to serve yourself—that's right "All You Could Eat"!

If you happened to have missed it, don't fret! You can now make your plans to experience it for yourself, when we return to Dillard Georgia for the 2013 Georgia District Convention. Yes, we

are going back to the **Dillard House for Wing Fling 2013** and the theme is **"HOLLYWOOD"**. So make your plans to meet us at the corner of Hollywood and Kudzu Vine in Dillard, Georgia where you are the Starz.

There is more FUN and KNOWLEDGE to be had in the Horizons Class scheduled for the October 6th and 7th in Warner Robins, Ga. The Horizon Program is a fast track overview of the core LTP curriculum with "hands on" training of practical applications, and an excellent class. It is a great way for the general membership to learn more about teamwork, self-awareness, interpersonal communication and building better chapters. You will learn about how to have FUN in GWRRA in a challenging day and a half event filled with lots of surprises. So make your plans to join us for a great time at the Horizons Class. You can sign up for the class on line at the Georgia District Website at www.gwrra-ga.com on the Leadership Training page, or contact Alan & Denise Head (Georgia District Leadership Trainers) alanhead@bellsouth.net

It wont be long now until Wind Down, where the District has an opportunity to give back to the Members. We will be providing you with a meal that will be delicious for sure. We will have games, door prizes, 50/25/25, along with other activities for you to participate in. And let's not forget, it is also the time when the 2013 District Couple of the Year will be selected. So mark your Calendar for Wind Down, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at the Dublin Civitan Club Fairgrounds Building

Tommy & Vicky

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#### Incredible...

The "Rumble In the Jun*qle*" is now in the history books and WOW, was it one to remember! For those of you who shared the experience you know what we are talking about...for those who missed it, we hope to see you next year! The Dillard House and their incredible staff, the mountains, the facilities, the weather and the copious amounts of food (after all this is GWRRA) all culminates in one word... Incredible

To put on an event like this requires the talents, dedication and hard work of many. We would like to take the time to recognize those who made it all possible, because without them, it would have been one big train wreck. We will try and recognize all involved, but if we leave someone out we apologize, it is not intentional—we appreciate everyone.

Our fabulous Rider Education Seminar Presenters: Susan Larsen, Ronald McDonald, Bill Livingston, Gene Knutson and my beautiful wife Julie, who taught 129 folks in five seminars (1 MA / 4 RE). Fantastic job!

A special Thank You to Marcia Etzle who spent Thursday afternoon at the Rider Ed table selling our RE Grand Prize tickets!

Speaking of which we must thank our generous sponsors who donated the great prizes we were able to offer. When you need something, please

keep these companies in mind: Vurhulst Bikes and Trikes, Big Bike Parts, J & M Corp., Gary's Hobbie Shop, Moye's Pharmacies and a special Thank you to Sheree Bryant of GA-A for her gift of a \$25 QT gasoline card.

It is because of your support of Rider Education that we can continue to offer MEDIC First Aid & CPR plus Riding Courses to Georgia members at no cost. Incredible!

Congratulations to Rich Morgan, the Chapter Educator of GA-H in Albany, who is the Georgia Chapter Educator of the year. We are blessed here in Georgia with tremendous Chapter Educators and on-going and growing support. Thank you to ALL for your hard work and dedication to GWRRA Rider Education, Motorist Awareness and most of all to your fellow Chapter members. They are the reason that we do what we do! If we can prevent one individual from skinning their knee, than it is all worth-

Let us not forget the great folks at Chapter J; June & Jack Gottlieb, Mike Jones, Ronald McDonald and Terry Kintz for helping inspect and classify the entries in our bike show and of course our judges, Gene Knutson, Richard Chapman and Jim Robinson. Thank you!

The best was saved for last, your Georgia District Educators who basically did it all! Could not have done it without my wife Julie and Don Boren who

worked until they were drop dead tired and then like the Energizer bunny kept right on going to do whatever needed to be done. You are the best! Have to say it, Incredible!

A special mention needs to be made here because we are losing a member of our Rider Education Team, Don Boren. The one thing about life is that it is constantly changing. We must learn to not take anything for granted and enjoy each and every day that we are given. He is heading west to New Mexico to be with family. He will be greatly missed and of course being the person that he is, he has donated all of his personal Rider Education materials...laptop, projector, screen, files, etc to Georgia as well as making a large financial donation to Rider Education. Don we wish you nothing but happiness and success on the journev of life that lies ahead and hope that in the future our paths will once again cross.

Once again, we Thank all of you for your continuing support of Rider Education and Motorist Awareness!

Start making plans now so we can see you at next year's convention, at the intersection of Hollywood and Kudzu Vine, as we make the fabled journey to Hollywood; Where you are the Starz!

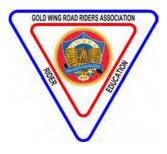
Until Then, Be Safe – We'll See You On The Road!

Roy & Julie



Julie & Roy Degler Ride Educator

"Once again, we thank all for your continuing support of Rider Education and Motorist Awarness!"



Rider Education

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## JULY 2012

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15	16 <sub>GA-O</sub>	17	18	19 GA-H, L	20	Traveler's Plaque  21 <sub>GA-A</sub> , C2, 12, J
22	23	<sup>24</sup> <sub>GA-R</sub>	24	26	27	Wanderer's Plaque 28 GA-B2, E2
29	30	31				Big Burger Run

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
-S captured the Traveler from GA-J. It
will be given away on Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup>
at the Golden Corral, 163 East May St.
Winder, Georgia. Registration runs from
11:30 AM till 12:30 PM, with the award at
12:45 PM

Region A Wanderer: FL1-L2 has possession on the Wanderer's Plaque. It will be up for capture on Saturday, July 21st at Ichiaban Asian Buffett, 21627 Village Lakes Shopping Center Drive, Land O'Lakes, FL 34639. Registration runs from 11 AM till 1 PM.

#### Corner of Hollywood and Kudzu Vine

ext year's Wing Fling will be back at the Dillard House and we couldn't be more excited.

To celebrate, you will be given the red carpet treatment as you arrive on your stretch L.A. Wing. Think of the fun you can have 'Putting on

the Ritz' dressing up as your favorite characters from tinsel town. (Can't you just see Dick Hopkins and Bob Hickly as Laurel & Hardy?) How about a star on the walk of fame for your Couple of the Year? Hollywood Squares anyone? Is your role deserving of an Oscar?

Your District Team is hard at work on the de-

tails for next year's Convention. Now it is your turn. Start thinking about how your Chapter can participate in fun theme related activities.

We look forward to seeing what you and your Chapter will do as you come to the corner of Hollywood and Kudzu Vine—"Where you are the Starz!"

## Schedule of Events

- July 4-7, 2012—Wing Ding, Fort Wayne, IN.
- July 28, 2012—Big Burger Run, Randy's Restaurant, Trenton, GA
- September 8, 2012—GA-Q's
   Dessert Auction & Burger
  Burn, Warner Robins.
- September 13-15, 2012— Region A Convention, Eufaula, AL
- September 29, 2012—GA-A Fun Day, Forsyth, GA
- October 6-7, 2012—Horizons Class, Warner Robins, GA
- October 11-13, 2012— Mississippi District Convention, Biloxi.
- October 20, 2012—GA-L Fun Day, Rome.
- November 10, 2012—Wind Down, Dublin, GA



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Sid and Donna Cohen

Assistant District Director Couple of the Year Coordinator

"Our District couple of the year, Dick and Peg Hopkins... are going through the Couple of the Year selection process for Region A. Let's show up and support them."



#### From your Georgia Couple of the Year Coordinator

Well the big event is now history. The annual Georgia Convention, better know as "The Rumble in the Jungle" was a huge success. Thanks to all the members who attended. Congratulations to the Chapters who participated in various events that were planned. It seemed they all a had a great time wheather they won anything or not. The most important thing to take away from the event is: did you have fun? It sure seemed like our members did. The Georgia team promises you will have as much, if not more, next year as we head to Hollywood. The Dillard House went way out of the way to make sure we all had a great time. The food was superb and plenty of it. I certainly hope you were not one who missed such

a great event. The next event Georgia members need to attend is the Region rally in Eufaula Alabama September 13th, 14, and 15th. Our District couple of the year Dick and Peg Hopkins from Chapter A are going through the Couple of the Year selection process for Region A. Let's show up and support them. Georgia has not had a region couple for quite some time. I think this will be our year. Your couple has been very busy this year promoting GWRRA, Georgia and the Couple of the Year program. I know you have seen them-who hasn't?

**Do you want a great** ride this summer? If you say no then quit reading this. If the answer is yes then mark your calendar for July

28th. This is the 5th annual Alabama and Tennessee get together. They meet in GEORGIA. That's right they have met 4 years in a row. This year Georgia has been invited to join them. They meet in Trenton Georgia at Randy's Restaurant. Donna and I were there last year and it was a hoot. It is a buffet and they make one of the best burgers and largest you have ever seen. This is not a meeting or gathering. It is just for fun. Each State will be giving away free registrations for their rallies. They eat from 11am to 2pm. The address is 4276 HWY 136 Trenton, Georgia.

Hope to see you on the road. Ride safe and often.

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—Clarence & 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

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GA-L—Jim & Melissa Hegwood

GA-P—Frank & Laura Line

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