

## Our Motto

“Drivers and Riders United for Safety”

“Help Us Survive the Ride.”

We are Jim & Sylvia Stogden. In 2020, Frank Brothers, GA District Director asked if we would be willing to fill the position of Motorist Awareness Program Coordinators (MAP-C), utilizing the guidelines of GWRRA. We pledge our support and assistance to all Georgia Chapters. Feel free to contact us, either by phone, text or email, (Jim) 706-338-8784 or jimstogden@charter.net; (Sylvia) 706-338-1179 or [stogden@uga.edu](mailto:stogden@uga.edu).

We have been riding motorcycles steady since 1966, when I purchased a Harley Davidson Servi-car (police meter maid which I chopped up and made Sylvia her first trike, (springer forks, ape handlers.) We have ridden with various groups. Today not only do we ride with GWRRA, but also with Christian Motorcyclists Association (CMA) and Patriot Guard.

Prior to my retirement from 30 years of Naval service, I applied for a position at the Navy Supply Corps School in Athens and was selected. One day after my Military retirement I was working as the Director of Bachelor Housing as a civil service employee and retired in 2011. In 1991 Sylvia began her career at the University of Georgia and retired in 2012. We became members of GWRRA in 2010 and joined Chapter T, in Athens. Sylvia serves as the Sunshine Lady, and I serve as the Membership Contact Coordinator. In 2018, we were selected as Chapter T Couple of the Year, and in 2019 we were given the honor of being selected Georgia's District Couple of the Year. We have had the pleasure of visiting the GWRRA home office each time we ride out West.

Jim rides a 1994 1500 Goldwing with a Champion trike kit. Sylvia rides a 2008 1800 Goldwing with a Hannigan trike kit. We are originally from the Southwest.

In 2013 after a CMA Training Session, we decided to make our first road trip to Los Angeles, CA and surprise Jim's sister for her 75<sup>th</sup> birthday. Our family was indeed surprised that we traveled cross-country on motorcycles.

In 2014, along with two friends, we headed to Chicago IL, and met with a group of 91riders and started the RT 66 road trip from the Navy Piers in Chicago to the Piers at Santa Monica, CA.

In 2016, we again did another cross-country road trip. On the average our cross-country trips last approximately 2-3 months.

In 2017, upon checking our bucket list, we found that we still had 15 states to complete riding in 48 of the 50 states. We left in May and had the best 3 months ever! Alaska and Hawaii remain in the planning stage.

In 2018, we participated in what was to be the last “Rolling Thunder Ride” in Washington, DC. What an awesome experience. We then rode to Connecticut where we met with our son and daughter in law. John rides a 2004 Gold wing and is a member of a CT chapter. We went to Americade in Lake George, NY, then to Mt Washington in New Hampshire. On the way home we stopped in New York City to see “The Lady” then up to Niagara Falls, where Sylvia exercised her favorite yell.

For the next road trip listed on our “Bucket List” we are planning on doing the Trail of Tears from Cherokee, NC to Tahelquah, OK. While in OK we plan to visit the Memorial Field of Empty Chairs. Of course, someone who shall remain nameless wants to go to Pawhuska to visit with the Pioneer Lady at her mercantile. And, by the way, if we are that close to New Mexico, Arizona and California...well, we just have to continue our road trip and visit with La Familia. Always an adventure on a “Wing and a Prayer”