

# Georgia District

NEWSLETTER

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## Chilly Willy and Officers Conference

There was a good turnout for Chilly Willy & Officers Conference at the awesome "Buckner's Family Restaurant". Once everyone was stuffed with Fried Chicken, BBQ and all the fine fixings that came with it, we met in the conference room. There were several door prizes won by the members as well as two \$100.00 50/25/25 cash giveaways won by Murry Cail of GA-L and Carlos Lozano of GA-S. The "Chilly Willy" Penguin was awarded to Chapter Q for having the most Members in attendance. Way to go GA-Q!!

### CONGRATULATIONS!!

Please join us in Congratulating Georgia I2 as Georgia's 2013 Chapter of the Year, as well as achieving the Bronze Chapter level. We also want to Congratulate Georgia Chapter D for achieving the Silver Chapter level. The Chapter of the Year program is a very good tool to help the Chapters grow and encourage Participation within your Chapter.

The Officers Conference was well attended by the Chapter Officers. There were 18 of the 22 Georgia Chapter represented at the conference. Region A Directors Jim and Sue Jackson as well as Region A Senior Rider Educators Chuck and Anne Reed were also in attendance. Information was shared by District and Region Team Members of updates and changes within our organization.

We hope that each of you received something that will help you and your Chapter.

Vicky and I on behalf of the entire District Team want to extend our appreciation to all that attended Chilly Willy and the Officers Conference. It is because of your dedicated efforts and participation that we continue to enjoy such an organization as GWRRA.

The District Travelers Plaque is on the move again. There were several Chapters in attendance at Chapter D's gathering on January 11<sup>th</sup> in attempt to capture the District Plaque as well as to visit with their GW Friends. Chapter A captured the Plaque and will be offering it for capture on February 8<sup>th</sup>. See the details on the calendar page of this newsletter.

There are several upcoming activities within the District and Region A. Such as Chapter Fun Days, the Ride 40 to Phoenix, District Conventions, Training Opportunities, Etc. So check you're Chapter, District and Region A Calendar of Events and we will see you on the road soon.

*Tommy & Vicky*

## JUST A FEW QUICK UPDATES

It was really great to see everyone at Buckner's for the Chilly Willy and Officer's Conference on the 18<sup>th</sup>! Lots of good food, friendship and fellowship; which seems like an awesome way to kick off 2014! Over 200 folks and 18 Chapters represented means that Georgia is going to be "Happening" this year! (Of course we are "Happening" every year!) Can you tell we are excited? Did you notice how many "I"'s we used in this paragraph?

The Georgia District Team introduced a new Training Protocol for the Georgia District that you can find posted on the Rider Education page of the Georgia District Website. Region A Rider Education has also introduced a new Training protocol for 2014 that can also be found on the website. This will provide us with the best methods for training the most members starting in 2014 and moving forward.

There will be a new Training tab on the Georgia

District website so you will be able to see all of the Training being offered, all over the great state of Georgia, in the coming months and years. It will include Rider Education, Leadership Training and Membership Enhancement. We want all of our members to have access to training and to take advantage of all the "World Class" programs that GWRRA has to offer!

Also, we have been talking about this, writing about this, emailing about this... everything short of using carrier pigeons to get the word out about the change to the Rider Education Levels program. 15 to 18 months ago the change was announced to the Level III requirements that added attending an approved Motorist Awareness seminar. It is a one-time only attendance requirement. (Unless you would like to attend more)

January 1, 2013 began the requirement and added a one year grace period. What this meant was that

anyone applying for Level III in 2013 had to of attended the MA seminar. If you were already a Level III and wanted to advance to Level IV you needed to attend an MA seminar. If you were a Level III or Level IV you had a one year grace period where you would not be considered non-current in your levels to provide you time to attend the MA seminar.

On January 1, 2014 the one year grace period expired. All Level III and Level IV members in the Rider Education Levels program, who have not attended an MA seminar, are now non-current. Please check the website for MA seminars as we will be providing more in the very near future.

That about wraps it up for now...there is always more, but limited time and space. We look forward to all the lies ahead in 2014! So until next time:

*, Be Safe—We'll See You On The Road!*

*Roy & Julie*



**Julie & Roy  
Degler  
Ride Educator**

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## Another Benefit of your GWRRA Membership

**JC Motors Transport** — Whether you are moving or simply want to make traveling with your motorcycle easier, JC Motors

Transport is the right choice for your motorcycle shipping needs. JC Motors Transport offers Members of GWRRA a discount and

has the best motorcycle shipping package on the market. Get more information from [www.motorcycleshippers.com](http://www.motorcycleshippers.com).



# FEBRUARY 2014

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 GA-E, F2, G
2  Super Bowl	3	4 GA-S	5	6	7	8 GA-B, D, P Travelers & Wanderer
9	10	11	12	13 GA-K, M	14 	15 GA-A, C2, I2, J GA-S Sweet-heart Fun Day
16	17 GA-O 	18	19	20 GA-D2	21	22 GA-B2, E2 Life Skills Warner Robins
23	24	25	26	27 GA-H, L	28	

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-A**, captured the plaque from GA-D. The plaque will be given away on February 8th at Hamburger Mike's, 402 Hwy 155 S, McDonough, GA. Lunch 11:00–12:30 PM; Registration 11:30–12:30 PM; Plaque award at 1:00 PM.

**Region A Wanderer: Chapter FL1-G** captured the Region plaque from GA-A. It will be given away on February 8th at their Happy Day's Hootenanny, which will be held at The Barn, 1200 S. French Ave, Sanford, FL. 11:00 AM–3:00 PM

## Schedule of Events

- February 15—GA-S Sweet-heart Fun Day, Winder
- February 15—Moterist Awareness Seminar at GA-S Sweetheart Fun Day, Winder
- February 22—Life Skills Program, Flint EMC, Warner Robins
- March 7–40 to Phoenix stop, First Baptist Church Conyers. (Sponsored by GA-A)
- March 20-22—Florida District Convention/Rally, Kissimmee
- March 29—Member Orientation Program, GA Forestry Association, Forsyth.
- April 3-5—Alabama District Convention/Rally, Mobile.
- April 26—GA-T Fun Day
- May 1-3—Southe Carolina Convention/Rally, Florence
- June 12-14—Wing Fling, Georgia Convention/Rally, Dillard
- 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



Hope you're planning to join us in June for Georgia's 2014 Wing Fling—A Gold Wing Rodeo! It would be a shame to miss out on all the fun in beautiful Dillard, GA!

### THINKING OF YOUR VALINTINE

Well believe it or not, here we are in the month of February. All you GWRRA members that I know love their spouse, so besides buying her flowers and sweets, take her to the Sweetheart Fun Day that Chapter S in Winder, GA is having. I know you and

her will have a fun day. It doesn't matter if you ride or drive, the folks in Winder will treat you as family and you won't regret going. As you know the weather in Georgia the month of February can be cold or warm, so if you have a chance to ride

please do so, I know I will.

I don't have much to say this month, but would like to wish you and yours a Happy Valentines.

*Jim & Kay*



**Jim & Kay Elrod**  
Assistant  
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Vendor Coordinator



**Sid and Donna  
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### OUR NEW 2014 CHAPTER COUPLES OF THE YEAR

The Chilly Willy ride and the Officers Conference are behind us for 2014. It was a great success. Buckner's restaurant did a great job with lunch. I was taught to always eat what is placed at the table. Well I did try, but every time the bowl was emptied it was quickly refilled. We want to congratulate Chapter Q for having the most members present; they get to take Chilly Willy home for the year. Go visit chapter Q and say hello to Chilly Willy. (Remember he is not a

Mascot so don't kidnap him.) All the conference presenters did a wonderful job putting out some valuable information for all the officers and members present. I know we will all have a great GWRRA 2014.

We would like to congratulate all the new Chapter Couples of the Year for 2014. Chapter A Don and Sharon Jenkins, Chapter B2 Walter and Linda Wiggs, Chapter D Mike and Nancy Lynberg, Chapter H Jeff and Maud Verner, Chapter I2 Larry

and Linda Watkins and Chapter S Glenn and Sherry Wisdom. I'm sure the list will grow as the year goes on. Check the Georgia web site to see who these ambassadors are.

We also want to congratulate Chapter I2, they are Georgia's Chapter of the year. Way to go Frank & Melinda Brothers and all of Chapter I2

*Sid & Donna*

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**Congratulations to Georgia Chapter I2 –  
Your 2013 Chapter of the Year!**



### Among our sick

Roger Lavender, Brother of Dee Allen,  
GA District Team  
Bill Dodd and Dolly Chatel-Dodd

Gloria Pitts, GA-S  
Sid Harris, GA-T