

Georgia District

NEWSLETTER

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Opportunities Are Coming!

We hope that everyone made it through the Ice and Snow Storm without any serious problems. It seems that the roads cleared just in time for the Chapter S Sweetheart Fun Day. There was a good turnout for the event, even though several arrived in four wheels rather than on two or three for safety reasons. Pat and Craig Whitehouse and the Chapter S folks really put together a Fantastic Event. There was a Motorist Awareness Seminar, games and door prizes. They served up some delicious homemade vegetable soup with your choice of cornbread or crackers, a salad and dessert. The Chapter Challenges were very entertaining and involved almost everyone in the building. This made it a lot of FUN for ALL!

Congratulations to Georgia Chapter D and Nancy Lynberg, GA Ch-D Newsletter Editor on winning the 2013 International/GWRRA Chapter Newsletter Award.



Presented by
Bob Greer,
MEP Director

the opportunity to meet new **Friends**, have more **Fun**, learn about **Safety** and increase our **Knowledge** about the organization and life in general. Just as the GWRRA motto states, (**FRIENDS for FUN, SAFTETY and KNOWLEDGE**).

There are several Fun and Educational opportunities coming up soon. Just to name a few; Leadership Training - Life Skills Class, Chapter Q will be giving away the District Travelers Plaque, Rider Education -(ARC) Advanced Riding Course (Hosted by GA-H), Membership Enhancement Class and the Florida District Convention. The detail information for these can be found on the Georgia District Website. These opportunities are listed in this Newsletter as well as on the Georgia District Website at www.gwrra-ga.com. Other excellent sources to find out about current and upcoming activities are at the Chapter Gathering, Chapter Newsletter and website; neighboring Chapter newsletter and websites and the Region "A" website.

We look forward to seeing you on the road soon.

Tommy & Vicky

It is a well known fact that **participation** in GWRRA Activities is the best way to get the most out of our GWRRA Membership. It affords us

KNOWLEDGE IS POWER

Are you glad you just survived Snow Jam 14 and Icemegedden? Did you learn anything from it? (I learned that folks make a lot of toast and drink milk...why you ask? Because what was missing from all of the grocery store shelves...milk and bread) One thing it did for us was to allow us some time to get caught up on some reading. I honestly believe the day I stop learning is the day they put me in the ground. This is the reason I say: "Knowledge is Power"!

During this time I was catching up on back issues of motorcycling magazines. One of my favorites is *Rider*. Eric Trow writes a column called *Riding Well* and I can tell you he has continually opened my eyes and made me think about riding our machines in a different light.

He states in one of his articles (*Pop Quiz from the November 2013 issue*)

that 90% of motorcycle crashes are avoidable when riders know what to look for, when and where to look and how to respond to developing situations! In the article he turns everyday riding events into Pop Quizzes. What will I encounter when I crest this hill? What lies around this blind curve? Each situation is a Pop Quiz and he asks: "Are you going to pass it?" WOW! I don't know about you, but that really clicked for me.

He is an advocate for continuing training throughout our lives—*skills get rusty when they are not used so he says sign-up for a training course early in the year and learn something new to use through the season.* Practice swerving, braking and cornering—the three skills that were identified in the *Hurt Study* as lacking in the majority of motorcyclist who were involved in crashes. We do not want to become complacent

and believe that we know it all. This can lead to nothing good! By constantly improving our knowledge and skills we are more prepared to "Pass" the next "Pop Quiz".

Albert Einstein was quoted as saying: "*Education is not the learning of facts, but the training of the mind to think*". GWRRA offers "World Class" Rider Education through our Riding Courses, Seminars and MEDIC courses. As a current GWRRA member in Georgia, District Rider Education underwrites the cost of this training, so there is no-excuse for not taking advantage of these potentially life-saving courses and adding to your "Knowledge" base. After all, isn't GWRRA "Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge"?

Be Safe—We'll See You On The Road!

Roy & Julie



**Julie & Roy
Degler
Ride Educator**

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IS YOUR RIDE READY?

Well the riding season is off and running. Are you are getting your bike for the first time this year? Everyone should do a TCLOCS on your bike to be safe. Here is an abbreviated form GWRRA's check list (N 17) to review:

T-TIRES & WHEELS

- Tires
- Wheels

C-CONTROLS

- Levers
- Cables
- Hoses
- Throttle

L-LIGHTS

- Battery

- Lenses
- Reflectors
- Wiring
- Headlamp

O-OIL

- Levels
- Leaks

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**Jim & Kay Elrod
Assistant
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MARCH 2014

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 GA-E, F2, G
						Traveler
2	3	4 GA-S	5	6	7	8 GA-B, D, P
					40 to Phoenix	Wanderer
9	10 GA-Q, T	11	12	13 GA-K, M	14	15 GA-A, C2, I2, J
						MEP
16	17 GA-O	18	19	20 GA-D2, <i>Spring</i>	21	22 GA-B2, E2
				Florida Convention/Rally		
23	24	25 GA-R	26	27 GA-H, L	28	29
	30	31				Member Orientation



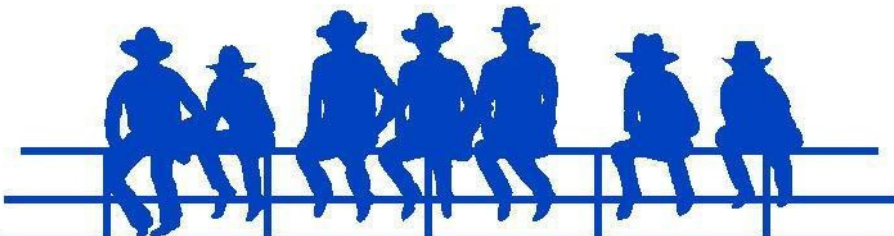
See website for time and location of Chapter Gatherings. Please call before you visit to confirm date, time and location.

Georgia Traveler's Plaque: Chapter GA-Q, captured the Georgia plaque from GA-S at their Sweetheart Fun Day. The plaque will be given away on March 1st at Hibachi Buffet, 2025 Watson Blvd, Suite 160 (Galleria Square Plaza), Warner Robins. Meet at 12 Noon and give the plaque away at 12:30 PM

Region A Wanderer: Chapter FL2-A captured the Region plaque from FL1-G. It will be given away on March 8th at Brewzzi's, 2222 Glades Road, Boca Raton, FL at 9:00 AM

Schedule of Events

- March 7-40 to Phoenix stop, First Baptist Church Conyers. (Sponsored by GA-A and GA-S)
- March 15-Membership Enhancement Program (MEP), including 2014 Chapter of the Year Seminar, Forsyth
- 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.
- May 1-3-South Carolina Convention/Rally, Florence
- May 10-GA-T Fun Day
- May 17-GA-R Fun Day Proctor landing, Acworth
- 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



June is just a few months off now, so we hope you are making plans to mount that bucking steed of yours and mosey on over to Dillard Georgia for the 2014 Georgia Wing Fling!

This Gold Wing Rodeo will be held from June 12-14th at the Dillard House, where you will be treated to the best food, entertainment and family fun for hundreds of miles around.

Is your chapter up for a challenge? Prove you're

the best by participating in special challenges where you'll pit your chapter's skills against other's to win the prize. Rumor has it that there may be a "special" contest you won't want to miss!

Don't delay, register today!



THE START OF RALLY SEASON IS HERE!



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

Hey gang,
 March is finally here and so is the start of the rally season. The Florida rally is March 20, 21 and 22nd. If you have the opportunity, head on down to Kissimmee and enjoy the Florida Rally. Remember our rally is in June in Dillard Georgia at the Dillard House. It really isn't that far away—only 3 1/2 months. I hope your chapters are talking about the District Couple of the Year Baskets. The money that is brought in

helps the District Couple off set some of their expenses during their year. Also, we want all of your bakers and want-to-be bakers to be thinking about the Goodie Contest. Last year was fantastic and we are looking for the same this year.

Here is a great opportunity to meet some neat folks. Why don't you take a ride to Conyers, GA On March 7th. The 40 to Phoenix group is planning on getting off course and stopping for the

night. Chapters GA-A and GA-S are hosting a BBQ dinner for them. This is open to all GWR-RA member. Come on out and greet these riding to Phoenix. On March 8th they plan on visiting Barber Motorcycle Museum in Birmingham, Alabama and anyone that wants to ride is welcome to do so. Check the Georgia Web site for more information

Ride safe and often,

Sid & Donna

Congratulations to our 2014 Couples of the Year!

International—Tommy & Gayle Wilson

GA-A—Don & Sharon Jenkins

GA-H—Jeff & Maud Verner

Region A—Buddy & Kim Summer

GA-B2—Walter & Linda Wiggs

GA-I2—Larry & Linda Watkins

Georgia District—Vance and Fern Oates

GA-D—Mike & Nancy Lynbery

GA-J—Mike & Peg Jones

GA-S—Glenn & Sherry Wisdom

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C—CHASSIS

- Frame
- Suspension
- Chain or Belt
- Fasteners

S-SIDESTAND

- Center Stand
- Side Stand

The full list can be found at http://gwrpa.org/regional/ridered/Forms/N.17MotorcycleTCLOCSVersion_2011_06.pdf

I hope this information was useful. There's no more fun than riding knowing you checked everything and they are in working order.

Jim & Kay



Among our sick

Colleen Taylor, GA-D
 Marvin Saritt, GA-L
 Frank Skellen, GA-S

Erin Cohen, daughter-in-law, Sid & Donna Cohen, GA Team & GA-S

Lois Wyett, GA-S

In Memory

Jack Swanson, GA-T