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Happy New Year!

The first day of this New Year will bring many of you together, as chapters have planned a chapter ride to start the New Year out riding and enjoying their motorcycles as well as the Fellowship of their GWRRA Family and Friends. We wish each and everyone a safe and enjoyable New Years Day Ride as well as many more throughout the following year.

Remember, the **Chilly Willy/ Georgia District Officers Conference on January 17th 2015**, it will once again be at Buckner's Family Restaurant, located at 1168 Bucksnorth Road Jackson, GA 30233. The restaurant will start serving lunch at 11:00 am. In the past Buckner's has only accepted cash payment, they now accept credit card payment but it is at a slightly higher price. Here is the breakdown on prices, which include an all you can eat meal, drink, tax and gratuity - CASH is \$14.25 per person and CREDIT CARD is \$15.11 per person.

The **Officers Conference** will start at approximately 1pm after the drawing are completed. All District and Chapter Officers/ Team Members should be in attendance at the conference. The chapters financial reports are also due and should be turned in to the District Treasurer before or by the date of the conference.

We will have door prize drawings and everyone that attends will receive a door prize ticket. We will also offer a 50/25/25 drawing for the members that wish to participate. This year the chapter with the most members in attendance will receive Chilly Willy the Penguin, along with a \$25.00 certificate for a frosty treat! So let's all meet at Buckner's for a great meal with your GWRRA friends and let's kick off another great year with GWRRA in GEORGIA!

Tommy & Vicky

WHAT IS GOLD WING UNIVERSITY?

In my travels throughout the Georgia District, members are asking "What is Gold Wing University"? Our intent of this article is to provide you with an overview of the Gold Wing University and in general how it works.

A couple of years ago GWRRA embarked on a program to bring our many seminars and 1000+certified trainers under one umbrella. Thus, Gold Wing University was born.

Gold Wing University is a collection of all types of GWRRA seminars that help our members develop good riding skills, and learn how they can enjoy the GWRRA life. There are seminars for those who lead and those who desire is to lead other members in a FUN filled chapter atmosphere, and ways they can entice new members to join in on the FUN. A real side benefit is much of what is learned in these seminars can be applied to your everyday life, even in the business world. Where else can you get world class training for free?

Our certified University Trainers are equipped with the knowledge to present seminars in an informal atmosphere of your choosing. Those places could be individual chapter training, or at a GWRRA Convention or other GWRRA sponsored event.

How does one become a University Trainer? A University Trainer candidate must complete the

University Trainer Development Program (UDTP). The candidate then moves out into the field, so to speak, where they are evaluated by a Master Trainer while they conduct a seminar in each of the programs in which they wish to instruct (LTP, RE or MEP). University Trainer's may become certified in one, two or all three programs. University Trainer's may be promoted to Senior University Trainer and Master University Trainer upon completion of established criteria.

Each GWRRA program has a Gold Wing University District Program Officer. In Georgia they are Jim & Dee Allen for Leadership Training (LTP); Roy & Julie Degler for Rider Education (RE); and Dick & Peg Hopkins for Membership Enhancement (MEP).

Scheduling seminars for your Chapter is, in a nutshell, really pretty simple. The requesting entity is the Chapter Director for LTP; Chapter Educator/Motorist Awareness Coordinator for RE; and the Membership Enhancement Coordinator for MEP. The requesting Chapter Officer selects the seminars, a date and a back-up date, and arranges a location and forwards this information to the appropriate District Program Officer. The Program Officer then checks for conflicts and assigns a Trainer or Trainer's.

Please understand this is a "Coordination Process"

not an "Approval Process". We must afford training to all members and ensure training schedules are coordinated with other training, Chapter and District activities/events to prevent conflicts as much as possible. In addition, we must coordinate our trainers to ensure they instruct enough classes to maintain their certification.

A Chapter should avoid, if possible, selecting dates of other District Training; other District Chapter Fun Days & Events; and Wing Ding. Check Coming Events and the Training Schedule on the GA District Website.

The GA District Website has a "Training" link on the Home Page at the bottom of the left hand column. There you will find a list of training scheduled throughout the GA District. Members can easily register for any of those classes by clicking on the date and filling out the pop up registration form. Click "Submit". The registration form is automatically forwarded to the appropriate Program Officer. A confirmation from the Program Officer will be sent within 72 hours.

So there you have it. Training through Gold Wing University will help you understand GWRRA and GWRRA Life, learn in an informal atmosphere things that are useful not only in GWRRA but in everyday life and have whole bunch of FUN doing it.

Dick & Peg



**Dick & Peg
Hopkins**
MEC Coordinator
**Couple of the Year
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SELF-CONFIDENCE—EVER HEARD OF THE TERM SELF-EFFICACY?

Well, I had not heard this term before either, but thought it was interesting. This term, *self-efficacy*, has to do with how confident you are. Do you have a lot of it or do you need more?

Do you know those who demonstrate self-confidence by being decisive, not being afraid to try new things, staying in control under difficult situations, and living life with passion and enthusiasm?

Self-efficacy is the relationship between the belief in one's abilities and how well a person actually

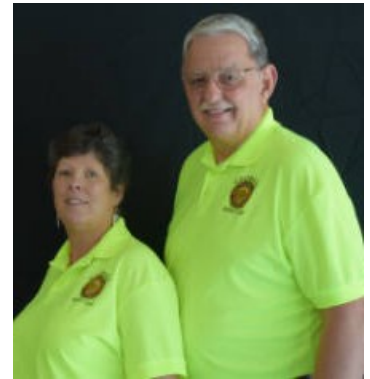
performs a task or a range of actions. Self-efficacy and confidence are not quite the same thing. Confidence is a general, not a specific, strength of belief. On the other hand, self-efficacy is the belief in one's capabilities to achieve something specific.

People with high self-efficacy in any area behave in a way that reinforces their success and personal satisfaction. They view obstacles as challenges and aren't afraid to face new things. They recover well from setbacks and view them as external and not internal

weaknesses. Believing in your abilities affects your motivation, your choices, your toughness, and your determination.

Self-confidence, using self-efficacy, affects how well you perform and how satisfied you are with your choices. Do you believe you have the ability to perform in a variety of situations? Identify areas where you can improve, and make a plan to do so. Identify those whom you know have this self-efficacy and you may identify your next leaders and team members.

Larry & Pam



Pamela & Larry Clemmer
Assistant District Directors

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WANT TO TEST—AND IMPROVE—YOUR RIDING SKILLS?

The GA-D group, who currently have a 3 man Drill Team, is looking to expand that team to include as many others as possible. The team will no longer be called the GA-D Drill Team but some other name to be determined at a later date by the newly formed Team. They will remain affiliated with GWRRA. They will be conducting their practices on the second and fourth Sunday of every month.

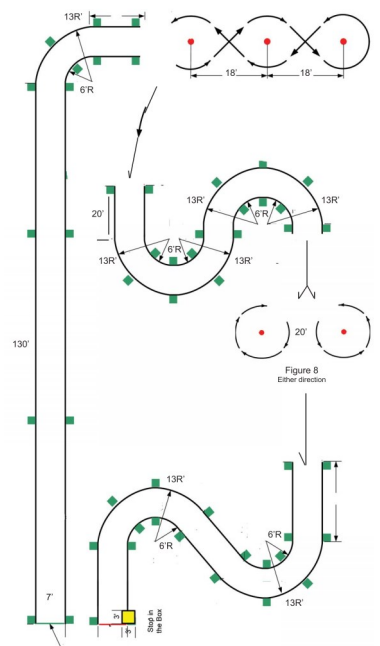
Always in the afternoon so as not to interfere with church. The training facility is located in Buford, GA. It offers a huge parking lot as well as classroom inside the warehouse.

They have the support from Reno Birt and Randy Rodriguez. The Tennessee District has invited the team to perform at their District Rally in Chattanooga the middle of April.


That is their first target date to hopefully be ready to WOW the crowd!! But time is of essence here to get the practices started in order to be ready for that first performance.

So if you are interested in becoming a member of the team, then contact the Team Captain

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JANUARY 2015

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 HAPPY NEW YEAR	2	3 GA-E, F2
4	5	6 GA-S	7	8 GA-K, M	9	10 GA-B, D
11	12 GA-Q	13	14	15 GA-D2	16	17 GA-A, C2, I2, J
18	19 GA-O 	20	21	22 GA-H, L	23	24 GA-B2, E2
Wanderer						Chilly Willy
25	26	27 GA-R	28	29	30	31

See website for time and location of Chapter Gatherings. Due to the holiday's, many chapters are modifying their December gatherings, please call before you visit to confirm date, time and location.

Georgia Traveler's Plaque: The new 2015 plaque will be given away by **Chapter GA-O** soon! Stay tuned for details!

Region A Wanderer: Chapter FL1-H is in possession of the Region plaque. It will be available for capture on January 18th at Duff's Buffett, 2400 S. Ridge Ave, South Daytona, FL. Check in before noon.

Making any riding plans for 2015? We hope you will be joining us for your Georgia District's Convention/Rally in June at River Vista Mountain Village in Dillard. There are so many great events planned for your enjoyment!

We will have a bond fire with smores, movie under the stars, theme related costume party, a brand new type of chapter challenge (you will have to be there to find out), fun games and a talent show that will be "Happy, happy, happy."

All *pre-registered* attendees will be treated to a full dinner on Thursday evening *and* a pancake breakfast on Saturday morning. (Please note the "pre-registration" requirement for the Thursday night dinner.)

So don't delay, mail your registration in today!

Schedule of Events

- January 17th, Chilly Willy and Officer's Conference, Buckner's, Jackson, GA
- January 24-29—GWRRA Chapters Cruise, Port Canaveral, FL
- February 14—GA-S Sweetheart Fun Day, Winder
- March 19-21, 2015—Florida Convention/Rally, Kissimmee
- May 14-16, 2015—Alabama District Convention/Rally, Eufaula
- June 18-20, 2015—Georgia District Convention/Rally—Gold Wing Dynasty
- July 16-18, 2015—South Carolina District Convention/Rally, Anderson
- September 3-6, 2015—Wing Ding, Huntsville, AL
- October , 29-30, 2015—Region "A" Convention/Rally, Eufaula, AL



Are you ready to show off your Gold Wing Dynasty?

In Memory

Mother of Jackie Ford, GA-E

Ruby Valdez,
Betty Livingston's mother, GA-H

