

Georgia District

NEWSLETTER

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Riding, Retirement and Websites

We are really proud to see and hear about the many chapter rides and chapter visitations that have taken place in the first quarter of 2015. The support of fellow Chapters and Districts has been impressive and is very much appreciated by the hosting Chapter and the District. At the Florida District Rally, Georgia was recognized as the largest visiting District and Georgia Chapter—A as the largest Visiting Chapter! We would like to say thank you for your support at all of the GWRRA Events.

It is with regret that we must announce the retirement of Roy and Julie Degler as Georgia District Educator and Medic First Aid Coordinator. I cannot find sufficient words to describe our appreciation for the commitment and dedication these two have for their fellow members, the District of Georgia and GWRRA. Roy and Julie have served as true ambassadors of this organization. Roy and Julie accepted their positions in June of 2011 and immediately went to work to bring Rider Education to a higher level. Over the last forty five months they have worked with the Chapters and District to provide a phenomenal Rider Education Program for all of the members.

Please join us in welcoming Frank and Melinda Brothers as the newly appointed Georgia District Educators/Medic First Aid Coordinators! Frank and Melinda are

well equipped with the tools and experience necessary to keep the Ride Education Program moving forward and we have full confidence that they will do a great job for the members and GWRRA.

I have received several emails lately in regard to the Georgia District Website. Some members are having trouble finding information on the site. I have found that 90% of the time the problem was that the member is using the wrong web address. In June of 2014, due to changes in our website software, we had to change the address—just a little. The current Georgia District Website address is www.gwrra-ga.com and was published several times by email and in the District Newsletter. Therefore if you had saved the older District Website address in your browser favorites, you are most likely getting the old site when you log-in. The same thing may happen if you use a search engine, like Google, to find the link to the Georgia Website. So please make sure you are using www.gwrra-ga.com the correct Georgia District web address.

Tommy & Vicky

Farewell...

“Good night, good night!
 Parting is such sweet
 sorrow,
 That I shall say good night
 till it be morrow.” –
*Shakespeare - Romeo and
 Juliet*

We will keep this short
 and sweet...I know,
 unheard of from us!

Unfortunately, all things
 must come to an end. For
 Julie and myself the road
 of life is about to take a
 drastic turn. The company
 I work for is pulling out of
 Georgia and alas if I want
 to be employed we must
 follow that road to
 Wisconsin.

We take with us a lot of
 profound memories that
 we shared with our
 extended GWRRA family
 through the years. Met a

lot of great people...taught
 a lot of seminars, riding
 courses, CPR/First Aid and
 so much more...ate a lot of
 good food—imagine that—
 cried a few tears, but more
 than anything else laughed
 a lot!!!!

Change is inevitable and
 change can be good. We
 are passing the reigns to
 Frank and Melinda
 Brothers and these fine
 folks are going to take
 Rider Education to places
 we never even dreamed of.
 We trust that you will
 provide them with the
 friendship and support
 that you have always given
 us.

Once again it has been an
 honor and a pleasure for
 Julie and I to serve our
 fellow GWRRA family
 members! We will miss

you, but carry with us all of
 the memories that we have
 made over the last ten
 years...nine of them as an
 Officer at some level.

For some reason we just
 cannot seem to get a
 certain song out of our
 heads. How many articles
 have you ever read that
 started with a Shakespeare
 quote and end with a
 Grateful Dead song lyric?
 Crazy right? Here goes:
 “What a long, strange trip
 it’s been!” – *Truckin’*

Until Next Time: **Be Safe,
 We’ll See You On The
 Road**

Roy & Julie

ABOUT GWRRA’S UNIVERSITY TRAINER PROGRAM

The University Trainer
 Program is a cooperative
 effort between GWRRA
 Leadership Training
 (LTP), Rider Education
 (Rider Ed) & Membership
 Enhancement (MEC). The
 University Trainer
 Development Program is
 designed to teach
 candidates to become
 qualified instructors and
 ultimately become
 Certified University
 Trainers. This will provide
 a nationwide pool of
 competent instructors to
 give GWRRA participants
 the quality instruction
 they deserve.

Once the candidate has
 completed the University
 Trainer Development
 Program they can become
 certified in one of the
 three disciplines (LTP,
 Rider ED. or MEC). This
 is done by presenting a
 seminar in their particular
 discipline while being
 evaluated by the District
 Officer. Once certified, a
 University Trainer may
 present any of the classes
 or seminars in the
 discipline for which they
 are certified. The goal is to
 provide quality
 instruction as close to the
 chapter level as possible.

This makes it easier for the
 participant to take
 advantage of the
 information and
 participate, thus living up
 to our motto, **Friends for
 Fun, Safety
 & Knowledge.**

The Georgia District is
 proud to have presented a
 University Trainer
 Development Program in
 Warner Robins, GA on
 Saturday, March 7th.
 Georgia is one of only three
 districts in the nation to
 present the class this year.
 The candidates that

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**Julie & Roy
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 Former Ride Ed-
 ucator**

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**Jim & Dee Allen
 District
 Leadership
 Trainers**

APRIL 2015

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2 GA-T	3	4 GA-F2
						Chapter Leadership
5 Happy Easter	6	7 GA-S	8	9 GA-K, M	10	11 GA-B, D
12	13 GA-Q	14	15  Taxes Day!	16 GA-D2	17 40 to Phoenix	18 GA-A, C2, I2, J Medic First Aid
	Why We Ride					GA-T Fun Day
19	20 GA-O	21	22	23 GA-H, L	24 Arbor Day 	25 GA-B2, E2
						GA-B2—30 Year
26	27	28 GA-R	29	30		

Lots of Chapters have had changes in meeting locations and time. Please see the District website (www.gwrra-ga.com) for time and location of Chapter Gatherings. As always, call before you visit to confirm date, time and location.

Georgia Traveler's Plaque: Chapter GA-F2 captured the Georgia Traveler's Plaque from GA-A! Information about when it will be given away will be posted on the website—www.gwrra-ga.com—as soon as it is available, so stay tuned!

The Georgia Hot Potato—Was last seen with at Georgia J in Hiawassee... Who will have the "Tater" next? Will it be your chapter?

Schedule of Events

- April 4—Chapter Leadership Program, Fayetteville
- April 10—40 to Phoenix, Sponsored by GA-A
- April 11—Medic First Aid Class, Dallas
- April 13—Why We Ride, Rome
- April 18—GA-T's Tacky Tourist Fun Day, Commerce.
- April 23—Why We Ride, Rome
- April 25—GA-B's 30 Year Anniversary, Red Top Mountain State Park
- May 2—Officer Certification Program, Austell
- May 9—GA-R Spring Picnic, Proctor Landing Park, Acworth
- 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
- July 25-26—Horizon Program, Marietta
- September 3-6—Wing Ding, Huntsville, AL
- October 15-17—Mississippi District Convention/Rally, Gulfport
- October 29-30, 2015—Region "A" Convention/Rally, Eufaula, AL

Can you feel it? That fresh smell in the air saying that Spring is here and it is time to RIDE! It also means that Wing Fling will soon be upon us and boy are we looking forward to having you visit with us in Dillard this June.

Registrations are starting to fly in ("fly in"—get it?) and all your GWRRA friends will be there, enjoying the food, fellowship, fun and games planned by your Georgia District Team.

Did you hear the one about, the duck that flew though Georgia? Well you'll just have to wait for

the talent show to see how this one ends.

If The word is out about the free cruise being given away to one lucky couple. But remember, it is only for those folks that have **pre-registered**. So don't wait any longer—send in your registration today!

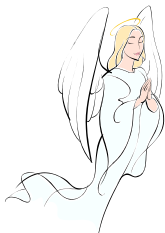


**GOLDWING
DYNASTY
DILLARD, GA**



**Pamela & Larry
Clemmer**
Assistant
District
Directors

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LOOKING FORWARD TO A FAMILY THANG!

Yes, that is what we are calling the upcoming Georgia District Convention—*Goldwing Dynasty, A Family Thang!* Larry and I are looking forward to seeing all of our extended families from Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, and South Carolina, and from outside our region like Jan and Dennis from Tennessee. We have made so many friends in the past ten years! GWRRA has become a very important part of our lives, and we don't know what we would do without the love and support of all of you!

The District Team brainstormed this year to come up with something different and unique. The RV Resort looks to be very

successful for those of you who have campers and for all of you. We have had a good response so far. The Gateway Inn, formerly the Holiday Inn, as the host hotel, will welcome a lot of you there as well. Remember to make your reservations soon! Of course, the Dillard House and other local hotels are taking reservations also. We look forward to seeing you at one of them!

We have included a dinner and a pancake breakfast for you. We will have the usual games, door prizes, 50/25/25, and chapter challenges, and some unique surprises as well. We guarantee lots of fun! We hope to have plenty of picnic tables and

outdoor activities, but we do have an indoor building for the talent show and closing. Oh yes, bring your Goldwing Dynasty—A Family Thang theme for the talent show with you so we can all enjoy the show! I do hope you will join us and the rest of the team in making Gold Wing Dynasty truly a fun family thang!

Friends are important to us, and we want to see all of you there in Dillard. If you are new, we will give you a big hug and welcome you to the family. Come on in!

Larry & Pam

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participated and completed the course include 7 members from

Georgia and 2 from Louisiana. Congratulations to all those who participated! Once certified, the

identity of the candidates will be announced.

Jim & Dee

Congratulating Our 2015 Couples of the Year!

International —Jon & Barb Pons

GA-B2—Dick & Gail Cross

GA-J—Dave & Judy Hurd

GA-D—Joel & Jenny Reasons

GA-L—Murry & Dawn Cail

Region A—Dewey & Alice Cole

GA-F2—Randy & Georgia Moore

GA-S—Craig & Pat Whitehouse

GA-A—Gary & Juanita Rackley

GA-I2—Paul & Jane Moricz

GA-T—Tommy & Vicky Martin

GA-B—Paul Loeser & Geraldine Duenas

Among our sick

Pam Clemmer—District Team/GA-A

Glenn Argo—GA-S