

# Georgia District

NEWSLETTER

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## Having Fun With Visitation

This past month Georgia has been very blessed with rain and if the cliché “April showers bring May flowers” holds true, there should be an abundance of beautiful flowers for us to view and admire as we ride through Georgia in this month.

On April 18<sup>th</sup> Chapter T held their Tacky Tourist Fun Day, where 100+ members were in attendance—several of them on their motorcycles even with the threat of rain. There were even some “Tacky Tourist” in the



house.



Chapter F2 had possession of the Georgia District Travelers Plaque and

generously offered to give it away at Chapter T’s event. Several Chapters signed in for the Plaque and the miles and points were close. Once the dust settled, Chapter J was the capturing Chapter and took the Georgia District Travelers Plaque home with them to Hiawassee.

On April 25<sup>th</sup> Chapter B held their 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration at Red

Top Mountain State Park. I didn’t get the official count but, based on my best guess, there were over 80 members in attendance.



The facility was excellent and they had a display of past years shirts that included ones from Georgia District and Region A Rallies, Ride For Kids, and other events. Chapter B had a lot of great door prizes and were drawing for them about every 30 -45 minutes. They provided a Bar-B-Q lunch that was very good.

During the celebration several members shared information about Chapter B’s history and how GWRRA was started in Georgia. Miss Bee, the Chapter Historian, gave her presentation on the Chapters history. It was very interesting to hear from some of the Charter Members of one of the first Chapters in our District.

It is great to see so many of the members out riding, visiting and participating in the many GWRRA activities. Chapter visitation seems

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## ON THE ROAD AGAIN

We hate to admit it, but our trip to the Florida Rally was our first time on the bike since going to Eufaula in November. It felt good to be on the road again! However, we probably should have practiced some before going on such a long trip.

We had seven bikes lined up at the QT in McDonough ready to roll for the 8-9 hour trip to Kissimmee, Florida on Wednesday, March 18th. Pam is not used to being a co-rider, so we had some adjusting to do. Her trike is still broken. Gary Rackley was on his VTX1800, some were on trikes and some were on 2-wheelers, so we had a variety of bikes and trikes.

We talked about safety and when and where we would stop for fuel and for food. All of us were looking forward to a good trip. It turned out to be just the right weather, a little cool early in the morning, but just right for most of the day.

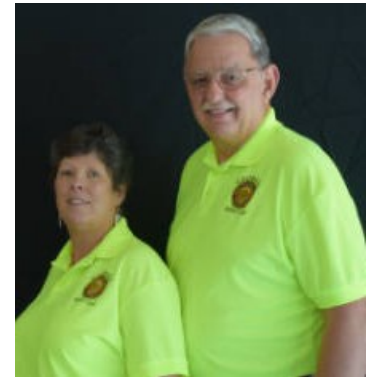
We stopped in Gainesville, Florida for lunch at “Chop Sticks” near the University. If you haven’t eaten there, please try it. It is well worth going a few miles out of your way. We stopped about every 125 miles to buy fuel based on Gary’s fuel mileage, and we stopped at the toll plaza on the Sunshine Parkway for Sun Passes. The only other problem we had was when we rolled into Orlando—traffic was horrible just a few miles from our destination! We spent over an hour of stop, go, stop, go. Of course we hit Orlando at 5:00 pm traffic time!

After this year’s ride to the Florida Rally, we decided that we pushed it too far to go in one day. We were tired and that gets dangerous. Also, we should have ridden some before we went since it had been months since our last ride. The other thing we forgot was our Cool Vests. It got very hot in that traffic, and of course we didn’t think it would be that hot in

Florida in March. It is hot! Plan your time to not hit traffic at 5:00 pm please.

We did bring our rain gear, and that is a good thing because we ran into rain just south of Tifton, Georgia coming home. Larry had to be at work on Monday, or we would have stopped in Tifton. Again, plan ahead in case you are so tired you need to get off the bike or if there is really bad weather.

It was a good trip despite all the little things for which we didn’t plan. What did we learn? Pack the Cool Vests and rain gear. Break up your trip if possible to be comfortable traveling. Remember you have a variety of bikes, so plan accordingly. Practice riding if it has been a long time since your last ride. Be patient with co-riders who are not used to being such. Check the traffic. Check on passes needed. Overall, we had fun! Don’t forget to take the FUN with you! Take time to stop somewhere special



**Pamela & Larry  
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Assistant  
District  
Directors

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## ANOTHER BENEFIT WITH YOUR GWRRA MEMBERSHIP



### **LifeLine Screening: Preventative Health Screenings**






GWRRA Life Line Screening is designed for

early detection of potential health problems leading to stroke, aortic aneurysms, arterial disease and osteoporosis. GWRRA members have the opportunity to detect life-threatening conditions, at an

affordable cost of only \$135 at a location close to your home! See <http://www.lifelinescreening.com/gwrra> for additional information.



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2 GA-F2
3	4	5 GA-S	6	7 GA-T	8	9 GA-B, D
10 <i>Mother's Day</i>	11 GA-Q	12	13	14 GA-K, M	15	16 GA-A, C2, I2, J
17	18 GA-O	19	20	Alabama Convention/Rally		23 GA-B2, E2
24	25 	26 GA-R	27	28 GA-H, L	29	
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Lots of Chapters have had changes in meeting locations and time. Please see the District website ([www.gwrra-ga.com](http://www.gwrra-ga.com)) for time and location of Chapter Gatherings. As always, call before you visit to confirm date, time and

**Georgia Traveler's Plaque: Chapter GA-J** captured the Georgia Traveler's Plaque from GA-F2! It will be given away on May 16th at Daniels Steak House in Hiawassee. See the District website for details.

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



May is Motorcycle awareness Month—spread the word!

**W**e know that there is an lot of talented folks in the GWRRA and your Georgia District Team is sitting on the edge of their seats in anticipation of the display of that talent at this Year's Wing Fling Talent show.

With a theme of "Goldwing Dynasty" there is so many ideas to draw from—ducks to beards, families to camouflage, Ming to Joan Collins. Heck, I hear that Ken is even trying to up his game. (Why was the duck put in the basketball game? To make a fowl shot. Ba-da-bum!)

With the wealth talent we have to draw from, our talent show will be the stuff of legends. We look forward to seeing what your Chapter is planning.

So register now and join in the fun!



**GOLDWING DYNASTY**  
DILLARD, GA



Jim & Kay Elrod  
Assistant  
District Director  
Vendor  
Coordinator

### RIDING IN MAY

Well May is upon us and the weather is finally co-operating, so we are getting a chance ride. I know that I am sick of rain so here is wishing for a beautiful sun filled May.

The Rallies are in full swing. Alabama is in Lake Point, Eufaula Ala. This is always a great time with alot of friends and a good time. So get your wheels cleaned up, your riding

gear on, and meet us in Eufaula. Kay and I will be looking for you all. Ride safe and have fun.

*Jim & Kay*

### HAVING FUN WITH VISITATION

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to be the highest that it has been in several years. There have been some good turnouts for the Georgia District Travelers Plaque attacks and the Hot Potato is making its

way across the District, too. Motorecycling and GWRRA is the common bond that brings us together and then the friendships begin. So keep those wheels a rolling with our friends, making new friends and memories

along the way.

We look forward to seeing you soon,

*Tommy & Vicky*

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Knowledge”**



### Congratulating Our 2015 Couples of the Year!

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|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| International —Jon & Barb Pons      | GA-B2—Dick & Gail Cross     | GA-L—Murry & Dawn Cail      |
| Region A—Dewey & Alice Cole         | GA-D—Joel & Jenny Reasons   | GA-S—Craig & Pat Whitehouse |
| GA-A—Gary & Juanita Rackley         | GA-F2—Randy & Georgia Moore | GA-T—Tommy & Vicky Martin   |
| GA-B—Paul Loeser & Geraldine Duenas | GA-I2—Paul & Jane Moricz    |                             |
|                                     | GA-J—Dave & Judy Hurd       |                             |

### Among our sick

- Pam Clemmer—District Team/GA-A
- Peggy Hopkins—District Team/GA-A
- Glenn Argo—GA-S
- Noah Cohen, grandson of Sid and Donna Cohen, District Team/GA-S&T
- Tommy Martin—District Team/GA-T

### In Memory

- Deborah Steinke, GA-B2
- Stanley Woolhiser, Father of Vicki Seritt, GA-L

