

# Georgia District

NEWSLETTER

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## WHAT A RALLY!!

“WOW” What a Rally! We returned to the Dillard House Convention Center on June 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> for the 2013 Georgia District “Wing Fling” Rally. There were a total of 502 delegates in attendance for the event, which made this another successful Georgia District Rally. On behalf of the Georgia District Team, “Thank You” for being a part of 2013 Georgia District Rally. We hope that it was an enjoyable and memorable experience for everyone that attended.

We had 20 Vendors offering a nice variety of products. It appeared that many of the members were leaving the vendor area with a bag of goodies or new accessories installed on their motorcycle. We thank the Vendors for supporting the Georgia District Rally and we thank you for supporting the Vendors.

The Oscar Night Dinner was on Thursday evening, where the members made their way through an all you want to eat buffet line provided by the Dillard House. The Dillard House Management and their staff did a fantastic job. They were always ready to provide us with whatever was needed to make the Georgia District Rally an enjoyable experience for you. If you have an op-

portunity, please let them know that their efforts are appreciated.

There were several that participated in the games, Contest and Challenges and it appeared that they were having a lot of FUN. The Costume Contest was very interesting, with great costumes ranging from Fred and Wilma Flintstones to the Lollypop Kids. The Talent Show “Putting on The Ritz” should I say more, it is always interesting and entertaining! The Volley **Water Balloon** Chapter Challenge seemed to be a hit, which turned into a water balloon fight after the game was over. Oh Yea, they were having a blast!!

Vicky and I must recognize and say a big “THANK YOU” to our Georgia District Team Members. Without their dedication, support and hard work, the show would not have gone on!

Vicky and I, along with the entire District Team, would like to take this opportunity to thank the many Volunteers who helped in various areas throughout the Rally (Games, Vendor Gates, Hospitality Room, Registration, RE Table, MEC Table, Ticket Sales, Seminar Instructors,

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## THANK YOU TO EVERYONE!

It seems like we just flew back from Wing Fling in Dillard (and yes our arms are tired—as well as other various muscles and appendages—can you tell we are still on theme? Thank you Henny Youngman... did you just hear a snare drum rim shot?) What a great time we had! Seeing old friends and making new ones—what a great Hollywood cast of characters!

There were many GWRRA members from all over the country in attendance as well as a great showing from our GWRRA family here in Georgia and we want to extend a heartfelt THANK YOU to all who supported our Rider Education mission!

Whether you were trying to win the Rose Bush money tree, a delicious homemade cake, score the high hand of the day, or the worst, at the Poker Run we appreciate the support. Because of you all we are able to once again provide Riding Courses and MEDIC First AID/CPR to the Georgia members at *no cost* for another year.

To hold an event such as this and make it work takes a lot of help from many wonderful and talented people who donate

their time and creative gifts. Without them there is no way we could provide, what we hope was an excellent GWRRA Rider Education/Motorist Awareness/MEDIC experience. Not only at Wing Fling, but year round here in Georgia!

With this in mind we would like to publicly thank everyone that helped and if we forget to mention you we apologize in advance. Do not take it personally, we're just getting old!

First I would be remiss if I did not thank my wonderful bride of 34 plus years for putting up with me! No way could I do it without her love and patience. Now onto the list:

Tommy & Vicky Martin for their countless hours of hard work and dedication. Vicky even found the time to make our special Rose Bush; now if I could only get one to start growing in the back yard!

Karen Lewis our fantastic Cake Baker and her husband Ronnie who worked hard at selling those tickets.

MEDIC Instructor Frank Brothers who, along with my wife, presented the MEDIC Course.

Our fabulous Seminar Presenters: Susan Larsen, Murry Cail and Bill Livingston.

Our Rider Education table support team who helped us man the RE/MA table: Jim & Dee Allen, Rich Morgan, Ronnie Lewis, Karen Lewis, Frank Brothers, Chuck & Anne Reed and, of course, my wife Julie.

Bike Show support: Tommy Martin, Ron McDonald, Mike Jones, Chuck Reed and two folks that jumped in and helped us pull it off; Robert & Gail Brown (AL-DD)—I shudder to think how we would have done it without them—and of course our Judges: Chuck Reed, Larry & Pamela Clemmer.

Audio & Video support: Dolly and Bill Dodd.

Of course we would be remiss if we did not thank our fantastic and fabulous Georgia District Team!

Another shout out that really might get lost in the craziness of putting on an event such as this is the fantastic support from the Dillard House staff! Anything we needed they were there and ready to help!

Until next time:

*Roy & Julie*





**Julie & Roy  
Degler  
Ride Educator**

***“...did you just  
hear a snare  
drum rim shot?”***



# JULY 2013

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2 GA-S	3	4 	5 	6 GA-F2, G
7	8 GA-T	9	Wing Ding			13 GA-B, D, P
14	15 GA-O, Q	16	17	18 GA-D2	19	20 GA-A, C2, I2, J
21	22	23 GA-R	24	25 GA-H, L	26	27 GA-B2, E2
28	29	30	31			Wanderer
						Big Burger Run

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

**Georgia Traveler's Plaque: Chapter GA-F2**, captured the plaque from GA-Q. The plaque will be given away on August 3rd at Ryan's, 3034 Peach Orchard Road, Augusta, GA 30906. Eat at 11:00 AM; meet at 12:00 Noon.

**Region A Wanderer: Chapter SC-I** captured the Wanderer from SC-G. It will be given away on July 20th at Jimmy's Family Restaurant, 1018 By Pass 123, Seneca, SC 29678. Eat at Noon; meet at 1:00 PM.

## Schedule of Events

- July 3-6, 2013—Wing Ding, Greenville, SC
- July 27, 2013—Big Burger Run, Randy's Restaurant, Trenton, GA (w/Alabama and Tennessee Chapters)
- August 10, 2013—GA-R's Spring Picnic, Acworth
- September 14-14, 2013—Region "A" Convention, Eufaula, AL
- September 28, 2013—GA-A's 'Teerific' Fun Day, Forsyth
- October 5, 2013—GA-Q's Desert Auction, Warner Robins
- October 6, 2013—Officer Certification Program (OCP), Buford
- November 9, 2013—Wind Down, Dublin Civitan Club.



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Judges, Etc.) Thank You for taking time out of your FUN time to assist us. We could not have done it without you.  
The Georgia District Team is proud to announce that the **2014 Georgia District Rally** will return to the **Dillard House Convention Center**,

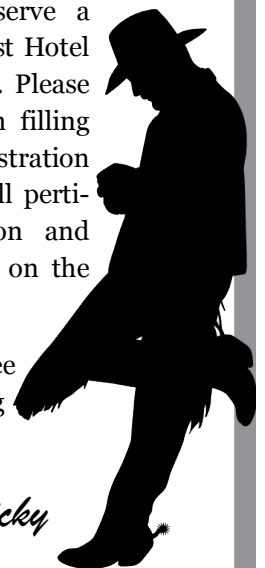
located in the beautiful North Georgia Mountains. The 2014 theme is a **Goldwing Rodeo**, so break out the ole Cowboy Hat, boots, spurs and get ready for a Rootin Tootin good time at the 2014 Georgia District Rally.  
We received several rally registrations for 2014 at closing ceremonies. These were processed and sent out on

June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013. The Dillard House Hotel will be taking reservation as of July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013. Remember, you must be pre-registered for the Rally in order to book a reservation at the Dillard House Hotel. Once your Rally Registration is processed by the District Treasurer, you will receive a confirmation number which will be

required to reserve a room at the Host Hotel (Dillard House). Please remember when filling out your registration form to fill in all pertinent information and sign the waiver on the form.

We hope to see you at Wing Ding!

*Tommy & Vicki*





**Dick and Peg  
Hopkins**

Membership Enhancement  
Coordinator

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## GEORGIA'S NEW MEMBERSHIP ENHANCEMENT COORDINATORS

As they say in Texas, they have done gone and put the big britches on us now.

Last Saturday at Wing Fling Peg and I were appointed as your new District Membership Enhancement Coordinators.

Bob Hickly has retired as the Georgia District Membership Enhancement Coordinator. Even though he was dealing with a personal tragedy, he served the Membership of the Georgia District and GWRRA in a truly outstanding manner. Bob could have walked away from the position after the accident, but he didn't because he knew Dianne would want him to continue what they had started together a little over a month earlier. BRAVO ZULU!

Here is our story and we are sticking to it. In late 2007 I had an occasion to attend a Plaque Attack at a local Georgia Chapter with a friend who is a GWRRA Member from Florida. I didn't know what GWRRA was, much less what a Plaque Attack was. Even though I was

not a GWRRA Member, I was welcomed and treated as if I had been there all my life. When I got home I told Peg about how welcomed I felt and how much fun I had. We joined GWRRA in February 2008. We soon learned we had experienced only the tip of the iceberg. Our home Chapter is GA-A. We live in Conyers and have been married for 46 years. We have two children and five grandchildren. Both of us are retired. I retired in 2012 after 23 years, as a Construction Consultant. Peg retired this year after 17 years in the Medical Administration field. We ride a 1996 GL1500SE Trike with an Escapade Trailer. We are Level IV Rider and Co-Rider. We served as Chapter A Motorist Awareness Coordinators, Chapter Spring Ride Coordinators and State of Georgia Bike Week Safety Break Coordinators. We are the 2011 Chapter A Couple of the Year, and the 2012 Georgia District Couple of the Year. Prior to becoming the Georgia District Membership Enhancement Coordina-

tors we served as the Georgia District Chapter of the Year Coordinators.

We are excited about the future and look forward to working with all of you. We are here to serve you, the Members. We will bend over backwards to help you. We also need your help so we can do our job. If you have a question, a problem, do not understand how to do something or a question about the Membership Enhancement Program please do not hesitate to contact us. We do not believe there is such a thing as a dumb or stupid question. There will be times we won't immediately have an answer, but we will find one. Rest assured we will give you an honest straight up answer. More importantly, we want to hear your ideas and suggestions. Two-way, open communication is paramount.

Until we see you at the next Convention, Chapter Gathering or on the road, ride safe and often and have fun.

*Dick & Peg*



**Sid and Donna  
Cohen**  
Assistant District  
Director/  
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Coordinator

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### WERE GOING BACK TO DILLARD!

What a great time we had at Wing Fling in Dillard last month. I think it was better than the 2012 convention. We are all tickled that Dillard wants us back in 2014. I know we thanked a bunch of folks who helped make this year convention a success.

I would like to thank the Chapter Couples who attended this year’s Couple of the Year meet and greet. They took the time to meet some fa-

mous international couples of the past and learn more about how to honor their chapters. If any Chapter Couples have any question please call or E-mail me. I really do know where to find the answers. Donna and I, along with the Georgia Team, are looking forward to having quite a few Chapter couple submit their resumes. Wing Down is November 9<sup>th</sup> in Dublin, Georgia at the Civitan club.

One last thing if anybody is looking for a great ride, food and fellowship, then why don’t you head to Randy’s Restaurant in Trenton, Ga. on July 27<sup>th</sup> from 11am to 2pm for the 6<sup>th</sup> annual Alabama, Tennessee and Georgia Big Burger Run. It is always a fun event and you could win a free registration to another rally/convention

Ride safe and often,

*Sid & Donna*

### Congratulations to Our 2013 Couples of the Year!

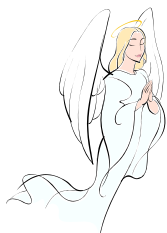
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|---|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| International —Greg & Renee Dempsey     | GA-B2—Dean & Candace Watts     | GA-J—Nick George & Sandy Smith |
| Region A—Dana & Joe Voight              | GA-D—Buddy & Debbie Bertram    | GA-L—Scott & Jackie Whitener   |
| Georgia District—Larry & Pamela Clemmer | GA-E2 Clarence and Pat Taylor  | GA-S—Vance & Fern Oakes        |
| GA-A—Bryan & Nina Douglas               | GA-H—John & Lynn Hyde          | GA-T—Ralph & Debbie Stewart    |
|   | GA-I2—Ronnie & Margaret Vaughn |                                |

### Georgia’s 2012 Chapter of the Year! Chapter GA-D



### Among our sick

George Roman, GA-S





## HOST HOTEL

The Dillard House  
768 Franklin Street, Dillard, GA 30537  
800-541-0671

Three night minimum. You must be fully registered for the Rally to make your reservations.

The Dillard House has a large variety of rooms of varying rates. With your hotel reservation, you will receive a Discount Card toward meals at the Dillard House Restaurant

## ALTERNATE HOTELS & CAMPING

Holiday Inn Express, 64 White Oak Lane, Dillard, GA 30537  
706-746-3585

Black Rock Mountain State Park  
3085 Black Rock Mountain Parkway, Clayton, GA 30525  
770-746-2141

River Vista Mountain Village  
20 River vista Drive, Dillard, GA 30537  
706-746-2722 [www.rvmountainvillage.com](http://www.rvmountainvillage.com)  
(Offering discounts for GWRRA members)

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Rally pins to the first 350  
Pre-registered attendees!



# 2014

## GWRRA Georgia

# "GOLDWING RODEO"

### Cowboy Up! And join us

### June 12-14, 2014

