

Goldwing Road Riders Association

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We just returned from the Region Conference in Eufaula, AL and found out there are lot of changes, which are still changing. We will inform our chapters as the changes become final and will be glad to answer any questions or assist you in any way.

Right now we just want everyone to take the time to be with family and friends, enjoy the day and look forward to a very happy new year in 2016. We celebrated the holidays with our children and grand-children here in Jonesboro and of course spoiled the grandchildren rotten.

Hope to see all of you on January 16th at Buckner's Restaurant in Jackson, GA for a very fine home cooked meal lazy-susan style. If you haven't been there before, you have missed a real treat! We will have some door prizes and the 50/25/25. Also, the largest chapter in attendance wins "Chilly Willy" for the year.

The District Officer's Conference follows the dinner. We will have information for you for the coming year's activities and you will receive your Castle to decorate for



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the April 21-23 Rally in Dalton, GA. Come enjoy please! You do not have to be an officer to attend—come and learn.

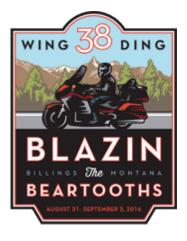
Again, hope you had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all!

Larry and Pamela Clemmer Georgia District Directors

Billings, Montana location of 2016 Wing Ding

Due to popular demand, Wing Ding 38 has been moved back to a Wednesday thru Saturday pattern! Mark your calendars for August 31 - September 3rd, 2016 to be in Billings, Montana for Wing Ding 38. Join GWRRA as they celebrate *Blazin the Beartooths* for fun, honors, learning and prizes. Next year's events will be held on the MetraPark grounds in Billings, Montana's Trailhead.

For more information, call (406) 245-4111 or 1-800-735-2635 or email us at WingDing38@Visit-Billings.com.





KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Laverne Underwood - F-2
Elijah & Julia Fryer - A
Family of Garland and Charleen Dennis - T
Sheree Bryant Hausser - A
Larry Clemmer - Georgia District Director

Are You Attending Chilly Willy?



Jim & Dee Allen Georgia District Trainers

For another year, we are looking forward to attending Chilly Willy. Participants will be gathering for the first GWRRA event of the year for great fun and fellowship. Chilly Willy is held in conjunction with the GWRRA District "Officers Conference".

The ride will end at **Buckner's Family Restaurant** on **January 16th, 2016** at 1168 Bucksnort Road, Jackson, GA 30233. 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).

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! Will you have enough members from your Chapter to capture Chilly Willy?.

Jim and Dee Allen Master Trainers, Georgia District Trainers



Thank You For Your Support!



Many thanks to everyone for their support during our first six months as District MEC's.

With this year coming to an end, we are looking forward to more involvement during the year to come.

We are hoping to have more MEC seminars, and we hope to make more visits to chapter gatherings, which is a good excuse for us to ride.

I also hope that each chapter will have a Membership Enhancement Coordinator and Couple of the Year. We're looking forward to having more participation in the Chapter



Norman & Wendy Morton Membership Enhancement Coordinators

of the Year program and the newsletter and website competitions.

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a very Happy and Healthy New Year.

Norm and Wendy Morton
Membership Enhancement Coordinators

Happy New Year!

Well another year gone down in the history books. Let me start out by saying I hope everyone of my GWRRA friends had a very Merry Christmas and celebrated JESUS CHRIST'S Birthday in their own way. I hope you got all the new toys for your bike that you were looking for. I hope you have kept up with your mileage and have turned it in to your Chapter Director. We have also had changes in several of the chapters, so give them all the support you can. These jobs are not easy and it takes special people to step up and be there for you. I wish each of these new Chapter people the very best and thank you for being there.

As we start off the New Year I want to wish you and yours a very Happy New Year and that everything goes your way. Several Chapters start out with the Polar Bear Run on Januarry 1st. Then we will be having Chilly Willy at Buchners resturant in Jackson Ga.on Januarry 16th, 2016.

Then Kay and I are off to Fort Myers, Fla. to visit my Mother who in May will be 92 years young and gets around better than I do. Will get to



Jim & Kay Elrod
Asst. District Directors North

be with my brother and all his family as well.

We will then be back to be with all of you and another fun filled year with friends and hopfully make some new ones.

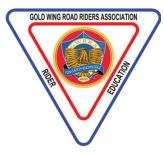
So be safe whether you are in your car or on your motorcycle! Kay and I look forward to seeing every one down the road.

Jim and Kay Elrod
Asst. District Directors North

New Year, New Ideas!

With the New Year ahead of us, we have a lot of things to look forward to. There are always changes in the way things are done. When new people come on board with new ideas and ways of doing things, some are better and some are not so good. Before you make a decision that all changes are bad, give them a try. You might be surprised at the outcome. We all know that some changes will not work, but we have to try new things to find out what will and what will not work. If we keep on doing things as we have always done, then we will get the same results. That is why we need to at least try to make things better.

If you have questions about anything that is changing in GWRRA, please, at least give



us a call and see if we can work things out. You will never know unless you try. It might be your idea that makes everything better.



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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR COUPLES OF THE YEAR!

International — Jim & Reba Berry

Region A— Jeff & Lisa Duffey

District Couple of the Year— Gary & Juanita Rackley

GA-A—

Nathan & Beverly Ensley

GA-B-

Paul Loeser & Geraldine Duenas

GA-B2—

Dick & Gail Cross

GA-D-

Joel & Jenny Reasons

GA-F2—

Randy & Georgia Moore

GA-I2—

Paul & Jane Moricz

GA-J-

Dave & Judy Hurd

GA-L-

Murry & Dawn Cail

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Barry & Barbara Owens

GA-S-

Craig & Pat Whitehouse

GA-T—

Tommy & Vicky Martin

Warm Season's Greetings

Taken from the 'A' Wing News December Edition and edited for space.

Sue, myself and the complete Southeast Region 'A' Team wish each of you our most sincere and warm Season's Greetings. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! The year 2015 has passed like a rocket and I'm not sure I can relate all the fun tourrides and enjoyable Rallies we attended this year. Again this year we were able to attend each District Rally in Region 'A' plus several in Region 'N'. Of course we thoroughly enjoyed Wing Ding 37 held for the first time in September and the second time at The Von Braun Convention Center in the Rocket-City, U.S.A a.k.a Huntsville, AL. It was a blast! I never will forget the look on Bill Hamiliton's face of AL-Y when his ticket number was called for the new Gold Wing. He was sitting a couple of tables over from me and he jumped right up and headed toward the stage to pickup his Wing. That's about excited as I've ever seen Bill, but who wouldn't be. I believe that Gold Wing is sporting a new trike-kit or at least the last time I heard it was on the way to the trike-builder. Good show Bill and congratulations.

Let's not forget Wing Ding 38 will be presented Aug 31-Sep 03, 2016 in the bodacious city of Billings, Montana. Yep, that puppy is headed out West and a long way from our area, but that only means one thing......ROAD-TRIP! Yep, it's been in Billings 3 previous times and each year we had a blast running the mountains in the area and in particular Bear-Tooth Pass. Naturally we encourage each of you to start planning for the tour-ride and it will be a tour-ride that you will never forget even if you do it only once. Hey, pencil it in on your calendar and stick it on your fridge. It will be here before you know it.

Another date for your calendar and

fridge-door is Oct 27-29, 2016. Yep, that's when we cowboy-up, straddle our steelponies and head for Lakepoint Lodge and Convention Center in the Eufaula, AL area for the 30th Southeast Region 'A' Rally a.k.a the Steel Pony Rally. Yep, the Western theme will reign so we want to see you in those cowboy duds of jeans, boots, hats and spurs. And bring that Steel Pony with you. We have so many riding events you will not wan't to miss a one of them. Don't forget to enjoy the Chuck-Wagon Dinner with us on Thursday night. It has a minimal cost of \$5 and you will be filled up for sure with western vittles to your liking. Ice-cream will be dished out around the camp-fire on Friday. Hey check out the brand new Rally logo designed by Dee Allen of Georgia. It tells the story of this Fall Rally very well..... Cowboys, jeans, boots, hats, spurs and good-times! I'm already looking forward to making a ton of memories at the Steel Pony Rally 2016.

Probably as you are reading this, the Annual Southeast Region 'A' Team Conference has already taken place. This is the one time of year that approximately 99% of all the Region and District Team Members come together for one large informational conference. Much information and various topics were presented and exchanged during this Conference. This Conference helps all the Team Members manage their respective position and Districts better which is a win win for the most important folks in GWRRA the Region 'A' Members.

To the Members of Region 'A'........... hey, it's all about YOU! "THANK YOU" for your support of the Region, District, Chapter and GWRRA.

Happy New Year! Warmest Regards, Jim & Sue Jackson, Region Directors

JOIN OUR WINGERS-N-WAVES GRAND CRUISE DEPARTING FROM FORT LAUDERDALE ON JANUARY 17, 2016 7 DAY CRUISE TO JAMAICA, HAITI AND THE BEAUTIFUL GRAND CAYMAN ISLANDS The following rates include ALL port taxes!! Inside Cabin: \$662.79 pp Window Cabin: \$0LD OUT Balcony: \$886.79 pp The sale rates listed are per person with all port taxes as of 10/16/2015. The prices listed are with

taxes as of 10/16/2015. The prices listed are with a current special Royal Caribbean is offering and please be advised the price is subject to change until booked. We strongly suggest you deposit \$250 per person as soon as possible to secure the rate and select a great cabin location. The rates will vary and subject to change until booked.

wingersnwaves.com

LIMITED SPACE THE CRUISE WILL SELL OUT - BOOK NOW TO RESERVE YOUR CABIN.



HAPPY NEW YEAR

JANUARY 2016

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UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2016

Buckner's Restaurant Jackson, GA Chilly Willy Jan. 16

ALREADY SCHEDULED RALLIES & FUN DAYS **FOR 2016**

Chapter S Feb. 13

Sweetheart Fun Day

Winder, GA

Meet 10:00AM

Eat 8:30AM

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Florida District Rally Mar. 17-19

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Meet 7:00PM

Meet 7:00PM Eat 6:00PM

Eat 6:00PM GA-S

Orlando FL

Meet 11:00AM

Eat 10:00AM

GA-D

Fun Day Chapter T April 16

Georgia District Rally Apr. 21-23

GA-J 11AM-1PM GA-A 5:30PM-7:30PM GA-C-2 5PM-7PM

South Carolina Rally Jul. 14-16 Dalton GA

Mississippi District Rally Anderson, SC Gulfport MS Oct.. 13-15

Eat 3:00PM Meet 4:00PM

GA-E-2

Aug. 31-Sept 3 Billings, MT Wing Ding

on January 30 2016 at Southern Cooking Restaurant, 715 Industrial Blvd eler's Plaque in 2015 at Wind Down and will be holding the first Plaque Attack 2PM with Plaque Giveaway at 2:30PM. A 50/25/25 Drawing will be held. McDonough, GA 30253. 770-292-0270. Registration will be held from 1PM -Georgia Traveler's Plaque: Chapter GA-A was presented with the new Trav31

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Meet 7:30PM

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18 MLK DAY

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GA-B-2 Eat 8:00AM Meet 9:00AM

Eat 6:30PM Meet 7:30PM

GA-K

Meet 7:30PM

Eat 6:30PM

Meet 7:00PM

Eat 6:00PM GA-Q

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Eat 6:00PM Meet 7:00PM

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16 11AM-1PM

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Potato! You could be the next in line! The Georgia Hot Potato—Was last seen at Wind Down. Look out for the Hot

Chapters frequently have had changes in meeting locations and time. Since this is the month of December, most Chapters will be having their Christmas Parties and not a gathering. The District website (www.gwrra-ga.com) also posts times and locations of Chapter Gatherings. As always, call before you visit to confirm date, time and location.