

# Georgia Chapter "S"

Winder, GA

*The Motorcickle Capital of the World*

GWRRA REGION A

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## GoldWing Road Riders Association



GWRRA



Region A



Georgia District



Chapter S

Chapter Gathering: 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of every month, 7:00 PM, Golden Corral, Winder, Georgia  
Next Chapter Gathering: Tuesday August 1, 2017

### CD's Corner

Joe and I just recently returned from the Georgia District Rally. Despite the weather and having to drive our car, thus, leaving our Goldwing snug and dry in the garage, we had a great time. If you didn't attend this year, you missed lots of laughs, great ice cream, nice variety of vendors, and amusing entertainment. Most of all, you missed your Director dressed up as a rubber duck and dancing on stage. See, I told you that you missed a lot of amusing entertainment! (No, I don't do encore performances).

Next year, the Georgia District Rally will be in a different location and time frame (August 2, 3, 4 2018). You can go on-line and check out the GA Baptist Conference Center in Toccoa, GA. The District is doing something different where you can book an all in one...lodging/ food package along with registration for one price. Everything will be in one location, so, once you are there, you don't need to go searching for a place to eat. So, start planning on joining GA District next August for a really fun rally. The theme for 2018 rally is honoring our armed services. The resort has a lake that you can fish without a license, lots of out of doors activities plus wonderful, buffet meals. I have been told that their home style food is exceptional.

So, you may be wondering, why would I want to go to a Rally? Well, GWRRA is only as successful as members are willing to commit their time and energy into making it successful. It is fun to ride and have lots of chapter pride, but, until you wander outside your comfort area can you realize what you are actually missing. It can be hard to put into words, but, if you only associate within your local chapter, we will continue to see chapters close and memberships decrease. While at this year's Rally, I updated my co-rider course by simply attending a class. I also met so many new friends and shared meals and conversations with some really outstanding folks. Our chapter participated in a few of the contests and we did win first place with our race car diorama. Ken and Traci Thrasher did an outstanding job! I also want to thank all of the members that came to Rally and showed chapter support by manning the registration table and helping to sell raffle tickets of all colors and sizes. Several also won some volunteer monies that were given out at closing on Saturday night. Mike Burns also won one of the daily 50/25/25 drawings!

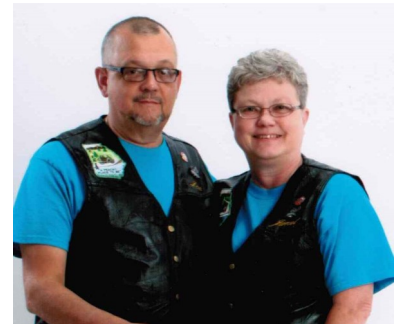
So, in a nut shell, start making some plans for next August. I hear there is a discount if you book by the end of December. There will more info coming soon! So, Happy 4<sup>th</sup> and see you all soon!

Ride Safe and stay hydrated in the summer heat



Glenn Wisdom  
2017 Chapter S  
Individual  
of the Year

Ride safe and Ride often.  
Janel Piper, Chapter Director  
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Larry & Jean Bernius  
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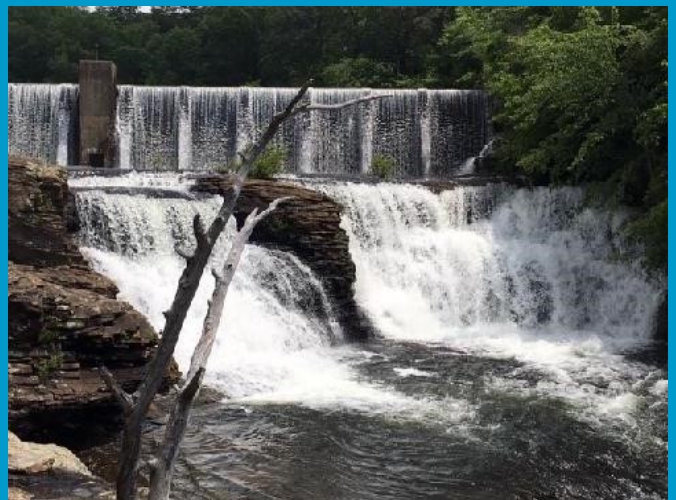
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# Rides & Events



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# Birthdays



7/4 Bob Hayes

7/6 Vicki Petty



7/4 George Roman

7/20 Marshall King

# Anniversaries

7/27 Ken & Traci Thrasher

# Calendar of Events

Date	Event
7/8	George & Bob's Birthday Party, Hoschton
7/11	Chapter Gathering, Golden Corral, Winder
7/13	Dinner Ride, Visit Chapter T, Loco's Pub & Grill, Athens
7/22	Chapter Ride, Buckeye's, Jersey
8/1	Chapter Gathering, Golden Corral, Winder

## Rider Education:

### GWRRA Rider Education Levels Program

The motorcycle community is already realizing many positive benefits from the GWRRA Rider Education Program. Through the efforts of the Rider Education Officers and participation of the membership and others, we will reach our goal of establishing the safest motorcycle environment possible.

#### Level II : Safety By Education – Tour Rider/Co-Rider.

Level II of the REP is also referred to as Tour Rider. It represents the commitment of the Rider and/or Co-Rider to be safer motorcycle riders by taking approved motorcycle riding courses at regular intervals.

GWRRA has chosen several educational training programs for the Riders and Co-riders such as the MSF programs, the United Sidecar Association course, the CSC programs and the GWRRA's Advanced Riding courses. Completing these courses provides the foundation and skills for your quest to be a safe motorcycle rider.

For the Co-rider, we have provided an excellent seminar and "Two Up" programs to assist in their role in the

safety aspect of motorcycle riding.

Motorcycle education goes "hand-in-hand" with commitment. The "on bike" education by MSF, USCA, CSC and GWRRA for the Rider and Co-Rider and the "off bike" education designed specifically the Co-Rider, provide a very effective approach to motorcycle safety. This is when a Rider Education Program participant truly begins to understand what the Level I commitment means and sees the value in the program.

Requirement: Tour Rider – Enrolled in Safe Rider Program (Level I), Completed and approved Rider Course within 3 years with 5,000 safe miles, and have a M/C license or Endorsement (if required). Co-Rider – Enrolled in Safe Co-Rider Program (Level I), have 5000 safe miles, completed an approved Rider Course or Co-Rider Seminar within 3 years.

A Rider or Co-Rider triangle patch is available for purchase. Any GWRRA Operations or Rider Educator can validate the requirements.

(GWRRA Rider Education Handbook)

Keep your riding skills honed through education. Complete a formal riding education program, get licensed

and take riding courses from time to time to develop riding techniques and to sharpen your street-riding strategies.



Operating a motorcycle takes different skills than driving a car; however, the laws of the road apply to every driver just the same. A combination of consistent education, regard for traffic laws and basic common sense can go a long way in helping reduce the amount of fatalities involved in motorcycle accidents on a yearly basis.

Ride defensively, don't assume that a driver can see you, as nearly two-thirds of all motorcycle accidents are caused by a driver violating a rider's right of way. You should always ride with your headlights on; stay out of a driver's blind spot; signal well in advance of any change in direction; and watch for turning vehicles.

(GEICO Ins. Info Center/Motorcycle Safety)

Jimmy and Winona Atkinson  
Rider Educators

## Membership Enhancement:

I know that I have said this before, but participation is FUN! And we had a lot to participate in last month. Most notably at the Georgia District Rally held Dalton on June 22-24<sup>th</sup>. Traci and I had a blast when we came up with some last-minute costumes and took 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the costume contest. We were blown away when our "S-Car-Go" diorama took 1<sup>st</sup> Place against some stiff competition! While we didn't win at the pine-wood derby it was great fun to take part and compete

against 14 other entries in the race.

We watched some wonderful acts at talent show (Chapter S will have an act next year!), took a first aid class, had some new chrome (air wings) added to Traci's Wing, brought other nick-knacks from the vendors, won a load of door prizes, and shared some great meals with new and old friends. In general, we had a great time because we participated. I hope you will make some plans to share the FUN with us next

year as the Georgia Rally moves to Toccoa next August!



Ride safe!

Ken & Traci Thrasher  
Membership Enhancement Coordinator

## Goofy's Scorecard—2017

- Jan: Vance**—for putting the wrong MEC article in the newsletter
- Feb: Gary**—for going to the wrong meeting place for the New Year's Day Ride
- Mar: Gary**— kept him because he was in Florida
- Apr: Glenn**—For getting his truck stuck in the mud and having to get Rescue Plus
- May: Pat**—For picking up the wrong order at the restaurant—multiple times
- June: Traci**—For leaving her keys in the trunk lock

Look who I've  
been playing  
with!!



"I Love to  
Ride"



## Goofy's Adventures

Well it's that time again – time to write about my travels with Traci (and Ken) during the month of June.

I shore did miss my old pal Traci – it's been awhile since she pulled a "goof" good enough to get to keep me, but I heard through the grapevine that her "goof" wasn't nearly as good as someone's who just happened to be absent from a gathering, so maybe I will get to go home with that person in July!

Traci took me to work with her at BankSouth and I got to pretend I was a teller. I tried to fit into the pneumatic tube so she could send me through the drive through, but gawrsh, I was just too darn big to fit in the tube. Probably for the best though --- they also send dog treats to customer dogs out through the drive through tube and I wouldn't want another dog to mistake me for his treat!

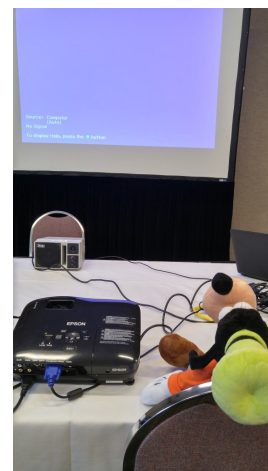
I got to spend some time relaxing at the house, swinging on the yard swing and watching the birds eat seed from a bird feeder that looks like my ole pal Mickey. I helped Ken and Black Kitty T-clock the bikes before the ride to the rally last week and made sure he didn't leave any oil caps or valve stem covers off of the bike (Black Kitty mostly watched...not nearly as helpful as me....h'yuck!) It rained most of the way up to the rally so I stayed in the trailer. It was ok though cuz I had wi-fi, Netflix, a Lazy-boy recliner, snacks and a 72" hi def tv to watch on the way there, shucks, I almost didn't want to get out of the trailer when we got to Dalton! (that's one BIG trailer....bigger on the inside.....)

I enjoyed seeing many of my old pals at the rally and I got to play games (I even was part of the spinnny wheel game for a minute!) I helped Traci put tickets in the door prize bags and I am pretty sure everything she won was from where I dropped a ticket, so maybe I am good luck after all. I also got to play bingo (not much luck there) and I really enjoyed the talent show. I danced and moved around so much I needed a massage by the time we got back to the hotel – I didn't get one, but I had a nice place on the sofa to sleep and watch more tv and eat complimentary cookies from the hotel every night.

I also got to go out to eat with my fellow Wingers a couple times at the rally and just last week at Oyster Bay - I wasn't too hungry that night, but Traci and Ken sure didn't have any trouble cleaning their plates of fish & chips and whiskey shrimp. I guarded Traci's "beverage" while she ate to make sure no one helped themselves. On the way back to the car, Traci used me as an umbrella which I really didn't mind because I haven't had a bath in.....well.....ever!

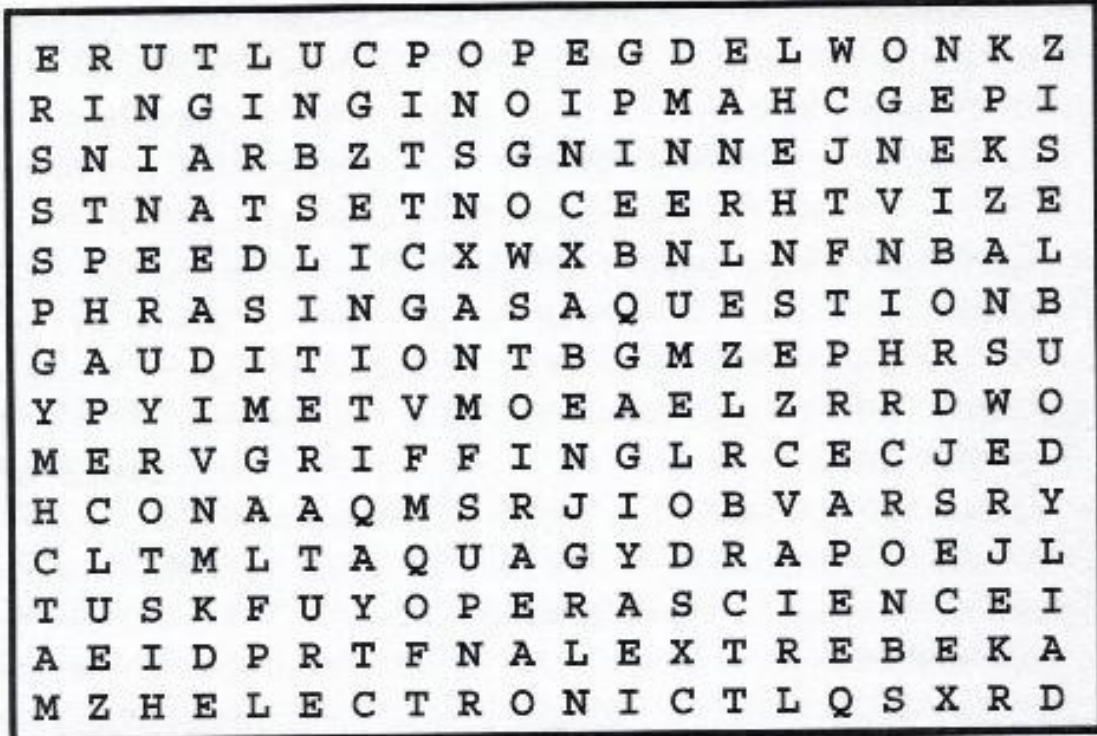
That's all for now! I sure hope I get to go home with someone who will treat me as nice as Traci and Ken did in June. And if you don't have a 72" hi def tv for me to watch, that's ok. Just give me your credit card as soon as we get home and I will remedy that for ya.

Yer Pal, Goofy





## Jeopardy!



Alex Trebek

answer

audition

brains

buzzer

categories

champion

clue

Daily Doubles

electronic

history

intelligent

Jeopardy

knowledge

literature

match

Merv Griffin

phrasing as a question

pop culture

ringing in

science

screen

smart

speed

three contestants

tournament

wager

To answer the trivia question, look for a word or phrase that is hidden in the puzzle, but not in the word list.

**Trivia:** This is contestant holds Jeopardy's record for longest winning streak. He won 74 games in a row and his prize totaled over 2.5 million dollars.

**Answer:** \_\_\_\_\_

## 2017 Schedule of Events

- 8/1 Chapter Gathering, Golden Corral, Winder  
 8/12 Breakfast Ride, Fender's Diner, Cornelia  
 8/17 Dinner Ride, Blind Pig Tavern, Athens  
 8/21 Solar Eclipse Ride, Northeast GA  
 8/30—9/3 Wing Ding, Grapevine, TX  
 9/5 Chapter Gathering, Golden Corral, Winder  
 9/16 Lunch Ride, Whistle Stop Café, Juliette  
 9/21 Dinner Ride, Hot Rods Diner, Social Circle  
 9/28—30 NC District Rally, Waynesville, NC  
 9/30 Chapter A Fun Day, Stockbridge  
 10/3 Chapter Gathering, Golden Corral, Winder  
 10/10 Dinner Ride, Fatz, Winder  
 10/20—22 Fall Leaf Ride, Little Switzerland, NC  
 10/26—28 Region A Rally, Eufaula, AL  
 11/7 Chapter Gathering, Golden Corral, Winder  
 11/16 Dinner Ride, Bone Island Grill, Athens  
**Note: No Chapter Gathering in December**  
 12/2 Salvation Army Toy Ride, Cycle World, Athens  
 12/9 Christmas Party, Winder Woman's Club  
 1/1 New Year's Day Ride, Papa's Place, Dawsonville

## District News

Chapter B2 has the Traveller's Plaque.  
They will offer it July 22.

Chapter E2 still has the Hot Potato.

Here is a link to a medical information card you can print out and carry with you:

<http://www.medids.com/free-id.php#.VsnDEfHnWi4>

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## **Just a few quick notes:**

A quick reminder about door prizes. As a member, the chapter depends on you to donate door prizes the month of your birthday and the month of your anniversary. This helps to supplement the few door prizes that the chapter purchases. Your door prize contribution is very much appreciated.

If you have gone on any fun rides please send pictures and/or articles to Vance via email and we will include in our monthly Newsletter and/or our website.