



Gold Wing Road Riders Association
Region A, GA District
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Friends for Fun, Safety & Knowledge



The Eagle News



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June 2011

From the C.D.

It was great to see everyone who attended the May gathering. We had a very good time and everyone was happy with the outcome of the gathering.

We have planed a diner ride on June 10th to a nice restaurant in Vidalia. We will plan our ride to arrive at around 7:00 PM. We will all try to meet in Reidsville at a location and time to be determined prior to the 10th of June. We are going to plan a diner ride at least once a month for those who are interested.

For those who are planning on going to Knoxville for Wing Ding 2011, we are going to be staying in Pigeon Forge at the Creekstone Inn. Dates for this are, July 7 arrive, July 10 depart, a 3 nights stay at the motel, July 7,8,9. At the present time they have 70 rooms available. We have reserved our room already. The cost was \$246.03 including all taxes. For those who have not been with us before this a nice motel and very quiet. The phone number for the Creekstone Inn is 865-453-3557. If you are going with us please make your reservations soon..

On another note, invite your friends who ride to come to one of our gatherings. It doesn't matter what they ride as long as the ride safe. We wish Joyce Shedd the best of luck on her up coming surgery.

John & Joann



Rider Education

Hello Wingers,

TOPIC: Team Riding Responsibilities

In GWRRA we are always doing things in groups. We meet our fellow chapter members and ride together for a weekly dinner run, or we join each other for a weekend breakfast before going on a run, or we make an ice cream run together on a weekly basis. Most chapters have this kind of camaraderie and fellowship in one form or another. Then there are the monthly Gatherings where we meet and eat and have fun. And the rides to visit other chapters and support them at their Fun Run or Anniversary Party or Pig Out, and various other events that chapters put on. Much of the time we ride together in groups traveling to and from our various destinations.

Whenever we ride in groups, someone is in the Lead position. Hopefully, it is one of our GWRRA-trained Road Captains. In our chapter, it is someone whom we trust, respect and have confidence in. Someone with good judgement who is prepared to lead the group from the starting point all the way to our destination. Someone who has a planned route and shares it with all who join the ride. S/He holds pre-ride meetings with all participants to tell us the route, advise us of any stops along the way, and discuss our speed on the road. Our Lead may ask questions about who is on medication, who may need to stop at shorter intervals (perhaps due to a smaller gas tank), who has a CB radio and who does not, etc. Our Road Captain covers hand signals for riders that are new to our group, too. Our Road Captain has been leading our rides for a few years now. We don't think twice about following him/her because s/he never lets us down. We always arrive safely when we follow our Road Captain. We are very fortunate to have such a capable Road Captain in the Lead!

We also have another Road Captain, trained in the GWRRA way, to bring up the rear of the group. This is our Drag bike, or Tail Gunner. These two (Lead & Drag) work together like Lennon and McCartney. The Drag seems to know what the Lead is thinking, securing the lane almost as the thought passes through the mind of our Lead. They communicate well with each other and with the rest of the **team**. They let the group know what is going on around us. They inform us about things, like telling us we will be turning - in advance of the turn; when a car is attempting to pass the group on a 2-lane road; or when a car is passing on the right when we are on the highway. Our Lead and Drag always keep us aware of hazards on the road and all around us. We know they are looking out for the safety of the group. With Road Captains of this caliber, we feel very safe. We know we can enjoy the ride and watch the scenery with these two in charge.

Wait! Stop right there! We *all* need to remember that even those of us in the middle of the formation have responsibilities. We are responsible to pass on the hand signals from the Lead, such as for single file, stagger formation, pointing out potholes and road kill, sand in the corners, and other hazards, etc. We need to be aware who we are riding with, too. The burden is not all on the Road Captains. We cannot sleep because we ride in the middle of the pack. We need to maintain safe spacing with the other bikes around us. And most importantly, we need to ride our own ride. We *must* stay alert. Hazards don't always appear in front of the Lead bike. Sometimes they come at the riders in the middle of the group. We need to be aware of our surroundings and always be prepared to react to the unexpected at all times. We must remember that, just because our Road Captain is leading us, we are not excused from thinking for ourselves and riding our own ride. We are **all** responsible for our own safety at **all** times. **Never** give that responsibility away. It is nice to have someone willing to help look out for your safety, but ultimately, it is your life. Guard it wisely! Be sure to ride your own ride, even while Team Riding!

This article written by
Bruce & Melissa Thayer
Former MI Asst. District Rider Educators



Ride to be seen with bright lights on in daylight hours. Remember, YOU are the most important safety item on your bike.

Alan and Jane

C/E's

Breakfast Rides

5/28/11 Sunny Side Up



6/4/11 Angie's Diner Midway GA

6/11/11 Whistle-Stop Café

6/18/11 Travel Center of America

6/25/11 Sunshine Breakfast Restaurant

7/2/11 Peggy Lynn's Restaurant

7/9/11 Sunrise Restaurant

7/16/11 Omelette House

Breakfast times will be 8:30 AM



Couple of the Year 2011



Alan & Jane Moore

Monthly Meeting: * Held the third Saturday of each month, at Western Sizzlin Restaurant on Hwy 84E, in Hinesville, GA. Eat at 5Pm - Meet at 6PM. www.gwrra-ga-c2.org

Door Prize Rotation 2011

Shedd - January 2011

Cook—February 2011 * Thomas-March 2011

* Billy Jones—April 2011* Bryant—May 2011

Lewis—June 2011 * Seward—July 2011

Gwynn—August 2011 * Bear—September 2011

Stearns—October 2011* Taylor—November 2011

Moore—December 2011

Davis- January 2012 * Cappuchi - February 2012



BIRTHDAYS

Wanda Poppell 6 June

James Poppell 8 June

Lewis Cook June 14

ANNIVERSARYS

Jack & Beate Lewis 4 June

John & Joann Seward June 6

**Next Meeting
June 18th, 2011
Western Sizzlin
Hinesville, GA**

June 16 - June 18, 2011	<p>Wing Fling 2011 - "Clown'n Around - Goldwing Style"</p> <p>When: June 16 - June 18, 2011</p> <p>Where: Duluth, GA</p> <p>Click here to download a Flyer.</p>
July 6 - 9, 2011	<p>Wing Ding 33</p> <p>When: July 6 - 9, 2011</p> <p>Where: Knoxville, TN</p>
September 10, 2011	<p>GA Q Burger Burn</p> <p>When: September 10, 2011 @ 11:00AM</p> <p>Where: Warner Robbins, GA</p> <p>Click here to download a Flyer.</p>
October 29, 2011	<p>GA L Fun Day</p> <p>When: October 29, 2011 @ 10:00AM-2:00PM</p> <p>Where: Dykes Creek Baptist Church 46 Dykes Creek Church Road, Rome, GA</p> <p>Click here to download a Flyer.</p>

For Sale

Motorcycle Jack stand for the GoldWings for Sale, only used one time to test it. For Sale \$75.00, comes with a handle also.

Jack Lewis
650 Mahoney Rd
912-269-6264



Friday Night Dinner Ride

June 10th—7PM

**We will ride to the Steeplechase Grille & Tavern
Vidalia, GA.**

Steeplechase Grille and Tavern
306 East 2nd Street
Vidalia, GA 30474
Phone: 912-537-7900

Leon's SQUASH DRESSING

- 5 medium yellow squash, sliced
- 1 cup self-rising cornmeal
- ½ cup self-rising flour
- 2 eggs
- 1 (10-ounce) can condensed cream of mushroom soup
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 stick margarine, melted
- Vegetable cooking spray

Mix the first six ingredients in a large bowl. Pour into an oblong dish coated with vegetable spray. Pour margarine over the top of the mixture. Bake at 425 degrees for 25 minutes or until brown. Yields 12 servings.