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Time just keeps rolling along and before you know it it's going to be riding weather and the South Carolina Convention will be here. Are you registered, do you have your reservations made? Well it's a good time to do it. Before you know it will be Fiesta Time in North Charleston; I am excited and hope all of you are.

So far this year I have noticed a lot of enthusiasm from the folks attending the Plaque Capture, the attendance has been very good.

The District Team will be on the road visiting Chapters across our great state, there should be a member at your gathering at least one time and hopefully more than that. With having said that I think each Chapter should concentrate on visiting their follow Chapters also.

Now for the our Convention, you have heard the District Team say we are shooting for 1000 participants, folks we can do this but it is going to take your help. Chapter Directors if you can talk this up at each function your Chapter attends and especially out of state Chapters, always have a handful of flyers with you.

Do some traveling and passing out flyers.

Oh, by the way, the Ground Hog predicts an early spring. Great Stuff.

Charlie

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"Region A"
32nd Annual Florida District
"Gathering of the Wings"
March 17-19, 2011
Kissimmee, Florida



"Old Time Rendezvous"
Vendors on site

Southeast Region "A"
Convention/Rally
September 15-17 2011

REGION "A" - THE LAST DAYS OF SUMMER 2011
WEAR YOUR UNIQUE DISTRICT RALLY THEME APPAREL



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US - 431 North
Eufaula, AL 36072

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Region A & District Conventions

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"Gold Wing" STYLE

FOR SAFETY AND KNOWLEDGE
FUN FRIENDS

Wing Fling 2011



June 16,17,18, 2011
Duluth, GA

Gold Wing Road Riders Association

Tribute to American Heroes
Who's Yours?

Grand Prize \$1,000


Win a Bushtec Trailer!

2011 ALABAMA DISTRICT CONVENTION

March 31-April 2
Huntsville, Alabama

Make the photo of your HERO
 2.5 inches round
 & we'll make you a button to wear!

WHO'S YOUR HERO?





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The South Carolina District Officer's Meeting was one of the best I've ever attended. More chapter team players attended, which will help get the vital information passed down to chapter members. The District Team furnished an outstanding, informative program in addition to the OCP updates for 2011. Also, Jim & Sue Jackson, Assistant Region A Directors, Bob & Karla Greer, Region & National MECs, and Chuck & Anne Reed, Region Rider Educators supported and assisted with our GWRRA meeting.

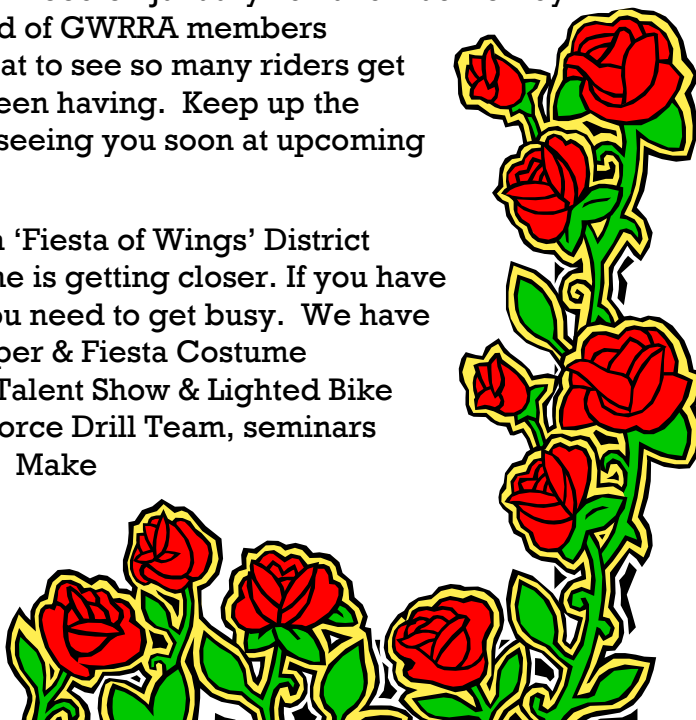
South Carolina held its first scheduled Officer Certification Program for 2011 on January 22nd-23rd at ECPI, North Charleston. Larry & Mary Rosselot presented a great training session to 20 GWRRA members. Joe Cooper and I visited on Sunday to congratulate the newly trained members and after talking with all of them, the comments about attending were very, very positive. Most members thought that this program should be presented to ALL GWRRA members! They also commented that it was informative and really opened members' minds about the "goings-on" in the GWRRA Organization.

The SC Traveling Plaque was up for capture from F Troop on January 22nd in Easley and Chapter P has it for grabs on February 12th in West Columbia. Check the GWRRA SC Web Site for more information. The Region A Wanderer Plaque was up for capture from Chapter M in Greenwood on January 29th and was won by Georgia Chapter B-2. A large crowd of GWRRA members attended both events and it was great to see so many riders get out with the brutal weather we've been having. Keep up the good work. I'm looking forward to seeing you soon at upcoming GWRRA events.

Just an update on the South Carolina 'Fiesta of Wings' District Convention, April 28 – 30, 2011. Time is getting closer. If you have not registered for the convention you need to get busy. We have a lot planned: Thursday night – Supper & Fiesta Costume Contest, Friday night -World Class Talent Show & Lighted Bike Parade, Saturday - Bike Show & G-Force Drill Team, seminars and vendors (Thursday – Saturday). Make plans today to join us!

**Have Fun with Friends, and
Ride Safe**

Buddy & Kim Summer





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Hello all,

February is upon us and usually the coldest month of the year but don't let that discourage you from getting your bike ready for the riding season. Just remember the TCLOCK that you hear your riders education person talk about. We have not received any e-mails or phone calls from any Chapter Directors from the month of January, does this mean you are not having any FUN at your gatherings that you would like to share? Or is it that no one is reading the news letters. We hope that neither is the case.

I was at the plaque chase in Easley on the 22nd of January and there was a good crowd there and spirits seemed to be up and ready for the convention in April. Also we are passing on the requests for our shirt vendors. Everyone needs to jump on board and get them registrations in so we can make this the best convention SC has ever had and also give us mark to shoot for next year. Buddy and I were at the OCP training in North Charleston on the 23rd of Jan. Yes we were dressed up in our FIESTA clothes and supporting all who attended. I believe there were 19 in attendance and all their fears went away as Larry and Mary got into the training. These people found out what they were missing and had some Fun learning about GWRRA. One of the students was my bride Nadine and she was not happy about going to it but now she is glad she did. Yea she made me study with her Saturday night till about midnight for her test on Sunday. Her words were "If I can do it anyone can" so don't let it scare you about going to the OCP training. So come on SC and lets get 100% trained.

Nadine and I will be getting out and seeing some of you soon at your gatherings or what ever you may be doing, so get ready to have a little fun. Something real nice happened after the training and the group took up a collection for Mary and Larry and invited them to go to lunch on them. So most of us went to Olive Garden and had a great time then also. So until next month stay warm and read your Wing World Magazines.

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The year is off to a good start with the District Officers Staff Meeting behind us, and our next objective in site. The District Convention is just around the corner and the excitement is growing by leaps and bounds, if you haven't yet registered for our convention please do so as soon as possible. Those who attended the convention last year will tell you that everyone there had a great time. All it takes is your getting involved in all of the activities, and bringing a Positive attitude with you. If you are attending for the wrong reasons then you will not enjoy the activities or any of the other events that are planned for you. Think about this, have you ever really enjoyed riding your bike in the mountains or at the beach when your mind was elsewhere? I challenge all of our members to come and attend your convention with a positive attitude, and then tell me afterwards that you did not have a good time.

At most all of the gatherings that I attend I try and deliver the message of safety before, during, and after riding your bike. We should never leave home on our bikes prior to performing a safety check to insure that our lights are working, our tires are in good condition with the right air pressure in them. Don't just kick them, check the pressure with a good air gauge and by all means get down on the ground and spin the wheel by hand so that you can see the tires tread all the way round. Check for any leaks in the break system, coolant system, and front forks of your bike. Have you pulled the side cover and checked the fluid in your battery lately? When was the last time that you checked your motor oil or had it changed? All it takes to ruin a good day's ride is for either one of the few items mentioned to go bad, or rear its head during your ride. Now during the slow riding season is the best time to check and correct any issues that you find while performing a T-Clock safety inspection on your ride.

Until next time

Ride Safe and Ride Often!

Jesse & Sue





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The push to recruit and retain members is ongoing. International wants Region A and the South Carolina District to keep the current members and continue to recruit new members. If you have received a letter about renewing your membership and you have already renewed it, please disregard it. Sometimes the information between the international office and our district is not the same. You may have renewed your membership, but the computer system in Phoenix may not reflect it. If you have not renewed your membership, please consider the many benefits of GWRRA such as chapter life, rescue plus, goldbook, the many discount packages, and, most of all, the fun and fellowship of being with other members. Renew your membership.

If you are in a chapter and you're not having fun, are you doing your part? Have you stepped up to help the chapter organize some FUN activities? It takes more than just a chapter director to keep the chapter active. A director has to have a core team of volunteers who will work with him to try to provide the fun activities that the members wish to participate in.

The people in your chapter will stay only if you keep them busy and enthused about planning future activities. Some of our chapters do not have MECs. If you are willing to help organize and assist your chapter director and maybe bring life back into your chapter, maybe you should consider stepping up into this important position.

The District Convention is organized by the District Staff for you, the members. If you have not made plans to attend the 2011 South Carolina District Convention, please register. It promises to be even better than the one last year. There are already more than 25 vendors planning to attend. We have one of the greatest talent shows in the region, and there are a lot of fun things to do over the weekend. Make plans to be at the Wingate in North Charleston April 28th-30th. Come have FUN with the district team and your GWRRA family. Charleston is a great place to spend the weekend.

Glenn & Donna Bumgarner





Region 'A' & South Carolina District Couple of the Year

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Hi everyone,

Well the first month of the New Year is almost gone. We've had snow on the ground for a week the bike is calling us and there may be a slight possibility we can ride to the plaque capture on Saturday, hopefully the ice will be out of the driveway.

We went to Chapter F in Easley on the 8th for the Region "A" Wanderer Plaque and Ron and I were both surprised and wondering where everyone was. As you know Chapter M in Greenwood captured the Wanderer plaque with 6 people. This was not a good way to start the year. Well on the 22nd when Chapter F had the South Carolina plaque up for capture, Ron and I walked into Mutt's and SC turned out in force. I missed the final count but I think there were over 100 people because there was standing room only. On the 29th of this month Chapter M will give away the Region "A" Wanderer plaque and we hope to see all of you there.

We attended the officer's meeting in Charleston this past weekend. Unfortunately Ron spent a good part of the weekend in the room miserable. After a visit to the Dr., he found out he has a bacterial sinus infection and is on antibiotics for 10 days. The District team talked about their respective duties.

Larry gave the OCPII update. Ron and I were asked to talk about changes in the COY program. Chapter Couples should be receiving or getting a copy of the new COY manual from their Chapter Directors. Please read the manuals for the new updates to the program. If you have any questions Ron and I will be more than glad to answer them or get the answer for you.

Ride safe,

Ron & Becky



HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

Region 'A'
South Carolina District
Convention

April 28th-30th, 2011



**Proceeds from Wingate go to Charleston
Southern Student Scholarship Fund**

GET ALL THE CONVENTION DETAILS
INCLUDING CONVENTION FLYER & FULL PAGE REGISTRATION
AT WWW.GWRRASC.COM/SCRALLY

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Safety tip of the month

If your windshield is scratched, pitted, or hazed, how much does this add to your risk of riding at night? While it's hard to determine without knowing how bad your vision is, studies show 90 percent of our impressions of the driving scene are visual. Any reduction of vision at night adds significant risk to your riding.

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