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Hello South Carolina GWRRA,

We hope that everyone had a great 4th of July. Please think 'safety first' when you are traveling during this month of July.

The District Team is making plans for the 2011 Convention. The South Carolina District Convention will be held on April 28 - 30, 2011 in North Charleston, South Carolina. We have a lot of events planned for you while you're in Charleston. We hope you the members will come down to see the historical sites and scenic areas that the city of Charleston has to offer. The host hotel, Wingate Inn, is on the Charleston Southern University Campus and has plenty of room for all outside events. Proceeds from Wingate Inn go to Charleston Southern Student Scholarship Fund, so we want you to come out and support the University while enjoying the South Carolina District Convention. Get a copy of the South Carolina District Convention Flyer, get registered and keep checking on the South Carolina District Web Page (www.GWRRASC.com) for upcoming information on our convention.

The South Carolina District Officer Certification Program (OCP) is up and running. We held an OCP this past weekend and had in attendance 12 members (CDs, ACDs, & CE) from four Chapters H, J, O, and M. Our District Trainers Larry and Mary Rosselot have been giving their time and do an outstanding job. If you have not attended OCP yet, you need to attend the next one in August. The date and location should be finalized this next week.

The next **Traveling Plaque Attack** is at the Chapter "P" Gathering on Saturday, **July 10, 2010**, Carolina Wings & Rib House, Augusta Hwy US 1, West Columbia, South Carolina with lunch at 11:00 AM and the gathering at noon. Get your members together and capture the Traveling Plaque for your chapter. This is a good time to ride, meet old friends and make new ones.

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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**

Chapter "S" would like to invite you to the Little Mountain Reunion Parade in Little Mountain, South Carolina on Saturday, August 7th. They need your support in carrying Region "A" and American flags in the parade. There will be lots of fun for everyone with arts & crafts, live bands, food and rides for the children with a challenge drawing at the end of the parade for Gold Wing members. The line up for the parade is on Hwy 76 east of Little Mountain at 9:30 am and parade starts at 10:00 am. For more information call Danny Dowd at (803) 381-5404.

Let's not forgot the South Carolina District Picnic and Ride In on October 9, 2010 at the Little Mountain Reunion Park, Little Mountain, South Carolina. Come out and have FUN and fellowship with old and new Wingers. Check out what will be going on in your District and Region.

Chapter MEC or Chapter Directors, please check your Area Report; contact the new members on the report. Members enjoy the personal touch of a friendly phone call, especially when they have not

been contacted lately. Tell new members about our family atmosphere, fun, fellowship and benefits that GWRRA has to offer.

Kathy continues to improve every day. Charles asked me to thank everyone for thier cards, calls, and visits. He said, "Your kindness, understanding, and patience during this time has been a tremendous help to both of us. Continue to pray for Kathy's improvement. Thanks as always for thinking of us."

May Ralph "Bubba" Hood Rest-In-Peace.

He was truly a "Southern Gentleman" and "GW Ambassador" for South Carolina and for GWRRA if there ever was one. We will miss Ralph very much.

**Have Fun with Friends, and Ride Safe:
Buddy & Kim Summer
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If you read my article in last months newsletter you know that one of my goals for this year is to see a 100% enrollment of ALL South Carolina GWRRA members in the Rider Education Program. This is a very realistic goal for us as a group of dedicated motorcycle riders, and I am asking each of you to commit to being a Safe Rider by signing up for Level I in the Rider Levels Program by the end of October. This is not that far away folks so let's get it done NOW! It's FREE!!

Prior to taking on the duties as your District Rider Educator I had committed to becoming a Certified GWRRA Rider Course Instructor because I saw a need in our district for such a person. Currently any of us who want to take a Certified GWRRA Rider Course (three wheel) have to travel to another district in order to get certified and advance in the Rider Levels Program. Well I'm happy to announce that in the near future we will have our very own certified instructor, which will relieve all of us from traveling out of state to get certified. More news on this to follow!

Several of our chapters are in need of Chapter Educators to deliver Safety Talks at their monthly gatherings, and to provide safety articles for their monthly newsletters. Folks this is a very important part of our organization as 51% of our time must be spent on training and educating our membership in ways to ride more safely! This assures that we remain a "Not for Profit Organization" in the eyes of the IRS! I would ask that those of you who are interested in the safety of not only yourselves, but your fellow members as well so consider stepping up and filling these vacant Chapter Educator positions. You will find it rewarding to know that you helped your fellow chapter member be a safer motorcycle rider, and through your messages each month you just may save a friends life!

It has come to my attention that some of our chapters within the district are sponsoring training classes and or events for members without clearing those classes/events through the District Educator. I feel sure that the intentions of these classes/events are well meaning, however I would ask the following question, if something should by accident happen to one of our members during one of these events is he or she covered by the GWRRA Accident Insurance Policy? I suggest that each Chapter Educator or Chapter Director who is considering holding any event where riding of a bike of any description is involved during the event check to insure that the event is approved by district prior to holding said event. If this is not deemed necessary by the Chapter Educator or Chapter Officer I would at least recommend that a Signed Waiver of Injury is signed by all entering the scheduled event. This would cover GWRRA and the chapter officer in the event of any accident occurring during the event. Think Smart Rather than being Sorry Later!

Until next time Ride Safe and Ride Often!

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Membership Enhancement Corner

Change! Change! Change! We have been through a lot of changes. Our leaders at Phoenix changed the terms; rally became convention, meeting became gathering, divisions became programs, and staffs became teams. Changing the way we contact our GWRRA members is the best change of all. As of July 2010, the membership enhancement coordinators do not have to call anyone listed on the expired membership or expiring membership list each month. The emphasis has been shifted to focus on new and prospective members only.

Up until now, the membership enhancement coordinators and/or chapter directors had to contact everyone on the Monthly Area Report and submit a report to the district Membership coordinator and the regional coordinator. Glenn and I took some of that responsibility and asked you to send it to us and we would forward it to regional. Calling people whose membership is either expiring or expired is and has been a hassle. Although some of them respond positively, others resent the calls.

Beginning in July, you will only call those listed as prospective or new members. When you contact them, remember to keep a written record of the date you contacted them and their comments. That information will be sent to us; we will put the information from all of the chapters together and submit a report to the regional membership enhancement coordinator.

That does not mean that we forget about those members whose membership has lapsed or is about to expire. This list will still go to the CD and the MEC, who will remind them when they see them that their membership is either expired or is about to expire.

We usually receive the report around the 10th of the month and get it out to the chapters within two to three days. We have to have it back by the 25th so that we can compile the information and submit it to our regional MEC on the 30th.

Some people see any change as unnecessary because it upsets their routine, but change can be positive if we give it a chance. For example, the Officer Certification Program initiated by Phoenix was initially not well received because it was "mandatory." Some members see it as an unnecessary part of the organization. Anyone who has not gone through OCP needs to give the program a chance. Several of the chapter directors, assistant directors, and other officers who have gone through the program have all had positive things to say about it. They too were hesitant, but they were glad that they went through the program. When all of us are "on the same page" we can attain our goals.

Mike Stiger, Director of GWRRA, also made an important change that will allow all members to obtain information at one website. He and his team have come up with a new GWRRA Newsletter called "Insight." It combines informational articles from all three programs into one newsletter. The link to this newsletter can be found on the home page of the GWRRA website and contains other links to each program's website. A quick link button at the bottom of the page gives each member a way to connect to the Officer Connection webpage, where there is a lot of valuable information for officers.

He said, "Communication is a major key to our success. It is a two-way street. I would love to see directors, educators, trainers, and membership enhancement coordinators send us information on their successes so we can share it with others. By sharing the wealth, we can improve chapter life for everyone. This is a step in the right direction toward improving our association and building on our success."

One thing that has not changed is our motto "Friends for Fun, Safety, and Knowledge."

Ride safely and have fun!
Glenn & Donna Bumgarner



**South Carolina District
Couple of the Year**

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Hi everyone,

Ron and I are in Boonville, MO on our way to Wing Ding. Yesterday was a very hot day riding across Missouri. We are hoping for a little rain to cool us of before we finish our trek into Iowa. We are very looking forward to cheering on Steven and Tammy Hollingsworth on their quest to becoming International Couple of the Year. They are a great couple and if you have not met them or had the chance to talk to them you should. Tammy is a ball of fun and they both love to talk.

While here at Wing Ding we plan to attend a Couple of the Year seminar and hopefully bring home some tips to those couples participating in next year's selection process. Ron and I plan on visiting the chapters and talking to all chapter Couples of the Year. We would like to have more couples in the selection process next year and hope they have as much fun as we did.

Ride safe,

Ron & Becky

SOUTH CAROLINA GWRRA DISTRICT PICNIC & RIDE IN

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9TH, 2010

LITTLE MOUNTAIN

REUNION PARK

10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Eat At NOON



**Door Prizes
Games**



**Chapter Challenge
50/25/25**

Come out and have fun with friends and enjoy the day.

The District will supply Hamburgers, buns, soft drinks, ice tea along with eating utensils, paper plates, napkins and drinking cups.

We would like for all chapter members to bring a favorite side dish, chips or dessert. We're also asking each chapter to bring a \$25.00 door prize.

Directions: From I-26 Exit 85, Take Hwy 202 to Little Mountain, 1.7 miles to right turn on Hwy 76, go .5 miles, left turn Mill St., .2 miles on the right to Little Mountain Reunion Park.

Camping available at nearby Dreher Island State Park, call 803-364-4152, 112 sites with water & electric, tenting, cabins, dump station, fire rings, traffic control gate, etc.

Contact Charles Coleman 'Dist Director @ 864-834-5170 or Buddy Summers 'Asst Dist Director @ 803-924-2851 for more details...

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INDEPENDENCE DAY 2010

In the United States, Independence Day, commonly known as the Fourth of July, is a federal holiday commemorating the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, declaring independence from the Kingdom of Great Britain. Independence Day is commonly associated with fireworks, parades, barbecues, carnivals, fairs, picnics, concerts, baseball games, political speeches and ceremonies, and various other public and private events celebrating the history, government, and traditions of the United States. Independence Day is the national day of the United States.

During the American Revolution, the legal separation of the American colonies from Great Britain occurred on July 2, 1776, when the Second Continental Congress voted to approve a resolution of independence that had been proposed in June by Richard Henry Lee of Virginia. After voting for independence, Congress turned its attention to the Declaration of Independence, a statement explaining this decision, which had been prepared by a Committee of Five, with Thomas Jefferson as its principal author. Congress debated and revised the Declaration, finally approving it on July 4. A day earlier, John Adams had written to his wife Abigail:

"The second day of July, 1776, will be the most memorable epoch in the history of America. I am apt to

believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward forever more."

Adams' prediction was off by two days. From the outset, Americans celebrated independence on July 4, the date shown on the much-publicized Declaration of Independence, rather than on July 2, the date the resolution of independence was approved in a closed session of Congress.

One of the most enduring myths about Independence Day is that Congress signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. The myth had become so firmly established that, decades after the event and nearing the end of their lives, even the elderly Thomas Jefferson and John Adams had come to believe that they and the other delegates had signed the Declaration on the fourth. Most delegates actually signed the Declaration on August 2, 1776.[11] In a remarkable series of coincidences, both John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, two founding fathers of the United States and the only two men who signed the Declaration of Independence to become president, died on the same day: July 4, 1826, which was the United States' 50th anniversary

GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION
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Make South Carolina DISTRICT

It's that time of year again for Wing Gang. Be successful if you are traveling to Oklahoma. We hope that everyone has a great 4th of July. Please think safety first if you are traveling during this holiday weekend.

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