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directly to the Rescue Squad) and the gathering at noon. Get your members together, come and try to capture the Traveling Plaque for your chapter. See y'all there.

The Southeast Region "A" Convention is September 16-18, 2010, All American Homecoming at Lakepoint Resort Lodge and Convention Center, US-431 North, Eufaula, AL. Let's show the other districts that South Carolina can come home with lots of wins in the events, contest, and stats. I know we have some great talent in South Carolina, so sign up for the talent show when you arrive. Oh yeah, don't forget about the sit-down meal and the Pajama Party.

The South Carolina District Picnic and Ride-In is on October 9, 2010 (10am - 3pm) at the Little Mountain Reunion Park, Little Mountain, South Carolina, just off Hwy 76. Come out and have some FUN FUN FUN. We will do some things a little different this year and will have a Chapter Challenge and a few games. Come out and check what's going on in your District (and maybe a few surprises).

Let's not forgot about the Mississippi District Convention (The Great American Family Reunion) on October 14-16, 2010 at BancorpSouth Arena, Tupelo, MS. We need to represent South Carolina by going to Mississippi in full force for this convention. You don't know how much fun you can have at a Gold Wing Convention unless you go.

Chapter Director's and MEC's - you should be reaching out to the New Members in your chapters. This is an easy and fun activity. Invite them to attend a chapter gathering or ride. Extend a hand of friendship and make them feel welcome. By just doing these little things, they may grow into big things like increased membership or maybe even Chapter of the Year.

Have Fun with Friends, and Ride Safe:

*Buddy & Kim Summer*

Assistant District Directors

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## In Memory of Kathy Coleman



One of the hardest things in life is losing a true friend. Friday, September 3, 2010, Kathy Coleman lost her battle with cancer and died peacefully in her husband Charles's arms. Charles said she told him earlier that day that she was ready to go and that she loved him, but sadly, we were not ready to lose her.

For the past sixteen months, Charles and she had become a major part of our everyday lives after becoming District Directors in May 2009. At almost every event, gathering or rally that Buddy and I attended, Charles and Kathy attended. We traveled together, ate together, and even slept in the same motel rooms together. She became, in just a few months, a sister to me. Just like my real sister, Kathy became all the things a sister means to me – fun loving, always smiling, and happy to see

me anytime my feet crossed her threshold. (She even let us stay with them when my daughter got married and made an appointment at her hairdresser's for me!)

As I look back over the hundreds of pictures that were taken during this last year, Kathy is always smiling and always with Charles, her constant companion and best friend. (It's hard to find a picture of her by herself without Charles close by her side.) There are not enough words to express my loss and sorrow for Kathy's passing and there will be an ache in my heart for a long time to come. Buddy and I will miss her along with her entire Gold Wing Road Riders Family.

**Kathy, we love you. See you on the road.**

*Kim Summer*

# **THE LAST RIDE**

*By Donna Bumgarner*

**Wingers are more than friends;  
They are part of a family  
that spreads throughout the world  
from sea to shining sea**

**They gather together to eat,  
they gather together to have fun,  
they gather to honor success,  
and to mourn the loss of someone**

**They ride the highways and byways,  
they chat over the cb,  
they go places all over the world,  
and they enjoy being 'free'**

**Often illness stops their riding,  
but they're still riding a bumpy road,  
for they face illnesses that weaken  
and carry a heavy load**

**When they can no longer fight  
the illness that has taken control,  
they take a final ride  
on their wings of gold**

**To a place where there is no sorrow,  
a place without illness and pain,  
for they are finally free.  
They can ride in peace again**



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Hello out there!

Sue and I have had the opportunity to visit with several chapters during this past month, and we are happy to say that GWRRA is alive and well in our District. Every chapter that we have visited with had new members attending their very first gathering with the chapter, and from the comments that we heard from these new members they will be back again! Folks this is a great sign that we are getting the attention of other GoldWing riders who are looking for someone to ride with. One couple that Sue and I met at the Chapter "O" gathering turned out to be a former employee of the company that I retired from back in 2006. I had spoken with him many times by phone, however we had never met until he and his wife showed up for their first gathering with Chapter "O" at Pam's in Hartsville, SC. Just goes to show you it's a small world we live in.

There are many of you out there that have certifications for the Rider Levels Program, which are nearing expiration, and some whose certifications have already expired. I would encourage each of you to check with your Chapter Educator and if need be schedule a Rider Course, or Seminar to get you caught up with your certifications. Several of the new members that Sue and I have met were very interested in the Pins and Patches on our and others vests present at the gatherings. They wanted to what we did to earn them, and what they could do to start gathering their very own for their vests in the future. Most were very much surprised to learn about the Rider Education Program and that many of our Training Seminars and Courses were offered at no cost to our members. Remember your Chapter Educator is there to assist you in getting the training that you want and need weather you are enrolled in the Levels Program or not. CPR/ First Aid is just one of the Courses that everyone should take advantage of because we never know when we might be need this knowledge to help save a family member or a total strangers life!

Until next month Sue and I hope to see you soon at your Chapter Gathering, District Picnic, Plaque Capture, or the Region "A" Convention in Alabama. Who knows when our paths will cross again?

Jesse & Sue



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**Membership Enhancement Corner**

It's September already, and it will soon be time for the State Picnic. Plan to come out and enjoy some good food and great fellowship with us at Little Mountain Reunion Park on October 9th. If you haven't registered for the 2011 SC Convention, that would be a good day to get your registration filled out and turned in. We are in the planning stage of our convention, and we need to know how many of you are planning to attend our second convention at the Wingate Hotel in North Charleston. It is going to be even better than the one we had last year, so don't miss out on the fun.

We would like to extend a hearty "Thank You" to all those who participated in the Flight of the Dove, a benefit bicycle ride that raises money for Hospice of Laurens County-a nonprofit organization that provides for patients and family members in the final stages of life. South Carolina Gold Wing Road Riders Association was well represented there; there were members from Chapter S, Chapter F, Chapter E, and Chapter M. Their escort of bikers was well received and everyone involved in the ride expressed their thanks for the volunteer efforts of the group. On the 29th, members of Chapter M, S, and F also gathered at Greenwood State Park to provide road safety for the 1/2 Iron Man Triathlon.

We encourage each chapter to find ways to get out there and have fun. Now is the perfect time to get out and ride. The weather is not quite so hot and the scenery will be changing with the seasons. Chapters B and P are having a fall picnic/camping trip and they would love for you to join them. Our organization is all about fun, and the visiting other chapters and participating in their activities is one way to have fun. Read the newsletters put out by the chapters and find out what is going on in our state GWRRA organization and make plans to attend some of the activities.

We will miss our sweet Kathy Coleman this fall as we travel the roads; she was a friend to all and an eternal optimist when it came to GWRRA. She fought hard, but she lost the battle. Keep Charles and the family in your thoughts and prayers.

We can no longer contact International for you. If you need to do an override or obtain information, you can snail mail the request to GWRRA Inc, P.O. Box 42450, Phoenix, AZ 85080-2450; call 1-800-843-9460; or e-mail your request to [customerservice@gwrra.org](mailto:customerservice@gwrra.org). The website is <http://www.gwrra.org>.

Wherever you go and whatever you do, ride safely and have fun.

*Glenn & Donna Bumgarner*



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**Note from SC District COY**

Hi everyone,

The summer has gone by fast. It is hard to believe that Ron and I will be in Eufaula, AL for the Region A Convention in 2 weeks. We have been getting ourselves ready for the selection process. The selection process will be on Friday the 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. in the ball room. We hope to see the smiling faces of our South Carolina family in the audience.

We have been riding and visiting Chapters throughout SC and GA. While visiting these chapters we are promoting the 2011 SC District Convention. If you have not registered for the rally please do so and be eligible to win 250.00 cash. By doing so, this would be a great way to show Charles how much the district is behind him.

It is a sad time for all of us with the passing of Kathy. She was a great lady and will be sorely missed throughout or state and region. Please keep Charles and family in your thoughts and prayers.

Ride safe,

*Ron & Becky*

# **SOUTH CAROLINA GWRRA** **DISTRICT PICNIC & RIDE IN**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9<sup>TH</sup>, 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...

*Region 'A'*  
*South Carolina District*  
*Convention*

*April 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>, 2011*



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

GET ALL THE CONVENTION DETAILS  
INCLUDING CONVENTION FLYER & FULL PAGE REGISTRATION  
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**American**

**FAMILY REUNION**

**October 14, 15 16, 2010**

**BancorpSouth Arena**  
375 E. Main Street  
Tupelo, MS

Celebrate the 2010 Family Reunion by coming dressed as one of our Nation's historical figures, be it a frontiersman, a politician, scientist, doctor, lawyer, Indian Chief or any of those who helped forge America into "America the Great" Let's pay tribute to the United States of America!

A light is from our household gone, a voice we  
loved is stilled. A place is vacant in our home  
which can never be filled. Some may think you  
are forgotten, though on earth you are no more.  
But in memory you are with us as you always  
were before.



Broken is the family circle,  
Our dear one passed away; From earth and earthly  
darkness into bright and perfect day. But we all  
must cease to languish over the grave of those we  
love, strive to be prepared to meet them in the  
better world above.