



# Georgia Chapter "S"

Winder, GA

*The Motorcickle Capital of the World*

**GWRRA REGION A**

**AUGUST, 2017**

## 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 September 5, 2017

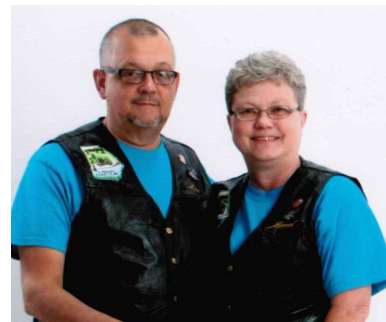
### CD's Corner

By now, most of us have received the GWRRA email spelling out the changes to our organization. I was just as surprised and taken aback as I am sure you were. It has taken a bit of time for everything to sink in and to make sense of it all. Just like you, I was wondering how that affects us, on the chapter level. I want to reassure all Chapter S members that the commitment to fun and riding will remain unchanged.

For now, I just want folks to understand that these changes came as a response from members across the country stating that GWRRA had drifted too far from the original idea of friends riding and sharing good times. As our chapter moves forward, we may make some changes during the gathering to accent sharing of ideas and be less business like. Changes will be subtle and maybe not noticeable at all. The biggest changes may be in officers and their new roles as outlined by GWRRA. Things will be more simplified but one thing will not change...we will ride, plan events and simply enjoy each other's company.

Now is the time for positive thinking and not jumping to conclusions. Everything in life changes over the course of time and I feel certain that we can adjust to this small bump in the road. This is not the end of GWRRA but a way to put back some of the things that got pushed to the side over time. For now, let's look to the future of lots of good riding activities!

As always, feel free to offer suggestions for upcoming rides or events you might like to do.



**Joe & Janel Piper**  
**Chapter S Chapter Directors**  
goldwing.janel.joe@gmail.com  
770-963-0565



**Glenn Wisdom**  
**2017 Chapter S**  
**Individual of**  
**the Year**

Ride safe!  
Janel Piper, Chapter Director  
Georgia District COY



**Larry & Jean Bernius**  
**2017 Chapter S**  
**Couple of the Year**

## Chapter S Officers & Staff

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <b>Janel &amp; Joe Piper</b><br>goldwing.janel.joe@gmail.com<br>(678) 640-7469        | <b>Chapter Directors</b>  |
| <b>Sandy &amp; Mike Burns</b><br>flh87@aol.com<br>(678) 425-9337                      | <b>Assistant Chapter-Directors</b>                                  |
| <b>Jimmy &amp; Winona Atkinson</b><br>goldwingchaptersedu@gmail.com<br>(678) 696-8245 | <b>Chapter Educators</b>  |
| <b>Jean Bernius</b><br>dadbernius@windstream.net<br>(770) 867-6423                    | <b>Treasurer</b>  |
| <b>Ken &amp; Traci Thrasher</b><br>kenneth_thrasher@hotmail.com<br>(706) 310-1041     | <b>Membership Enhancement Coordinators &amp; Newsletter Editors</b> |
| <b>Glenn &amp; Sherry Wisdom</b><br>jglennwisdom@bellsouth.net<br>(678) 777-3266      | <b>Ride Coordinators &amp; Webmasters</b>                           |
| <b>Barbara &amp; Bob Ragonese</b><br>valkyriebabs@gmail.com<br>(631) 880-9879         | <b>Motorist Awareness Coordinators</b>                              |
| <b>Fern Oakes</b><br>fern.oakes@sbcglobal.net<br>(678) 219-0257                       | <b>Door Prizes</b>  |
| <b>Gloria &amp; Jack Farabaugh</b><br>gwingnjack@comcast.net<br>(770) 962-5564        | <b>Hospitality Coordinator</b>                                      |
| <b>Larry &amp; Jean Bernius</b>   | <b>2017 Couple of the Year</b>                                      |
| <b>Glenn Wisdom</b>   | <b>2017 Individual of the Year</b>                                  |



## District Officers & Staff

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <b>Larry &amp; Pamela Clemmer</b><br>georgiadd@gwrra-ga.com<br>(678) 525-5433        | <b>District</b>  |
| <b>Vance &amp; Fern Oakes</b><br>goldwingnut@windstream.net<br>(678) 219-0257        | <b>Assistant District Directors—Northeast &amp; COY Coordinators</b> |
| <b>Dick &amp; Gail Cross</b><br>cross_richard@bellsouth.net<br>(678) 488-0980        | <b>Assistant District Directors—Northwest</b>                        |
| <b>Barry &amp; Barbara Owens</b><br>bcowens@windstream.net<br>(229) 263-7906         | <b>Assistant District Directors—South</b>                            |
| <b>Lawana Burrell</b><br>lawanag@hotmail.com<br>(770) 310-8280                       | <b>Treasurer &amp; Event Coordinator</b>                             |
| <b>Frank &amp; Melinda Brothers</b><br>gadistrictridered@gmail.com<br>(706) 491-5205 | <b>Rider Educators</b>   |
| <b>Open</b>  | <b>Leadership Trainer</b>  |
| <b>Norman &amp; Wendy Morton</b><br>gerogiamecnem@gmail.com<br>(678) 772-3018        | <b>Membership Enhancement Coordinators</b>                           |
| <b>Bob &amp; Karla Greer</b><br>gwrra_ga_mad_coord@att.net<br>(770) 680-0158         | <b>Motorist Awareness Coordinator</b>                                |
| <b>Carlos Lozano</b><br>carlos@cmlozano.com<br>(864) 908-8199                        | <b>Webmaster</b>   |
| <b>Joe &amp; Janel Piper</b><br>goldwing.janel.joe@gmail.com<br>(678) 640-7469       | <b>2017 District Couple of the Year</b>                              |
| <b>Jim &amp; Sue Jackson</b><br>regiondirector@gwrra-regiona.org                     | <b>Region A Directors</b>  |
| <b>Bob &amp; Nan Shrader</b>   | <b>Deputy Directors</b>  |
| <b>Ray &amp; Sandy Garris</b>  | <b>GWRRR Directors</b>   |
| <b>Anita Alkire</b>  | <b>GWRRR President</b>   |

# Rides & Events



From George's 4th (on the 8th) of July party and birthday celebration!

## Rides & Events



Dinner Ride Loco's visiting with Chapter T



Traci's rear ender. Note the "watching for motorcycles" bumper sticker. I guess the other driver was so busy watching for motorcycles that she missed the SUV



Joe and Janel at the Road Kill Café in Altoona, Pennsylvania, visiting with their new friends with Chapter PA-S



# Rides & Events



Breakfast Ride to Buckeye's in Jersey

## August Birthdays

- 1 Donna Roman
- 3 Mike Burns
- 5 Bob Ragonese
- 8 Ralph Altman
- 8 Doug Kregel



- 9 Jean Bernius
- 12 Danny White
- 15 John Anagnost
- 15 Steve Yates

## August Anniversaries

- 2 Rich & Lee Johnson
- 3 Dave & Pat Salum
- 6 Gary & Shirl Verhulst



- 26 George & Vicki Petty
- 26 Alan & Jeanna Phillip

## Calendar of Events

Date	Event
8/1	Chapter Gathering, Golden Corral, Winder
8/12	Breakfast Ride, The Big Family Café, Athens
8/17	Dinner Ride, Blind Pig Tavern, Athens
8/21	Solar Eclipse Ride, Northeast Georgia
8/29-9/2	Wing Ding, Grapevine, TX
9/5	Chapter Gathering, Golden Corral, Winder

## Rider Education:

### GWRRA Rider Education Levels Program

Through the efforts of Rider Education Officers (National, District, Chapter) and participation of the membership and others, we will reach our goal of establishing the safest motorcycle environment possible.

#### Level III: Safety by Preparedness

Level III of the REP is also referred to as Certified Tour Rider/Co-Rider. It represents the commitment of the Rider and /or Co-Rider to be prepared in the event of an accident to give aid and possibly save lives. This is done by being knowledgeable in First Aid or CPR and carrying a first aid kit on their motorcycle at all times.

It would be wonderful if we could achieve the coveted goal of zero accidents, however, we know realistically, accidents will happen. Because of this, it is important to be fully prepared to lend aid to unfortunate accident victims.

It is important to always be prepared to save a life. Level III of the Rider Education Program was developed to deal with such circumstances by recognizing and encouraging proper First Aid or CPR training. CPR (Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation) has been used to save many lives. Being trained to render CPR or First Aid is a tremendous asset to those the REP participant will come in contact with daily.

Attendance of a Motorist Awareness Seminar at this level exposes the Member to our program to improve awareness of all road users to the presence of motorcycle, trike, and sidecar enthusiasts. When interfacing with the public in the future, the level III Rider or Co-Rider can inform them about what we have available to help others share the road with us. GWRRA University Trainers certified in Rider Education are authorized to present Motorist Awareness Seminars.

Requirements: Current in Level II and have taken either First Aid or CPR training at a cost of \$20.00 each at this time.

Patches available \$5.00 for each participant. Receive: Certified Tour Rider or Certified Co-Rider patch.



#### Dress for Safety:

Wear a quality helmet and eye protection. A full-face helmet provides the best protection. Wear leather or other sturdy, protective clothing (jacket and pants): over-the-ankle boots, and gloves. Bright clothing and a light-colored helmet increases the chances of being seen, Dress for a crash as well as for the ride.

(MSF, Motorcycle Safety Foundation/ GWRRA Rider Education Handbook.)

Jimmy and Winona Atkinson  
Rider Educators

## August Recipe:



Want to beat the August heat with a refreshing drink? Got some leftover strawberries and watermelon begging to be eaten? If you answered YES, try out this recipe below – it makes 4 servings.

#### Ingredients

- 3 cups seedless watermelon, chopped into 3/4" chunks
- 1/2 pound (about 12 large) strawberries, halved

- 2/3 cup freshly squeezed orange juice
- 1 tablespoon freshly squeezed lime juice
- 1 tablespoon honey

#### Directions

1. Combine all ingredients in blender and blend until smooth. Pour liquid into freezer-safe container (I used a 11"x7" Pyrex baking dish).
2. Put container in freezer and let freeze for at least 5 hours and up to overnight. If frozen solid, let
3. Pulse the frozen chunks in blender for 20-30 seconds, removing top and moving the chunks with a wooden spoon if necessary. Serve immediately with a straw and spoon.



# Membership Enhancement:

## Things They Are A Changing

By now, most of us have been made aware of some major restructuring within GWRRA. A lot of these changes are reactions to hearing from the membership about problems, real or perceived, within our beloved organization. To this end, "corporate" has worked on restructuring with the goal of putting the focus back on why we joined GWRRA in the 1st place—to have fun riding with our friends on our Gold Wing motorcycles.

As the President of GWRRA, Anita Alkire recently stated, "Our members joined to find and ride with friends on their motorcycles. It is those bonds, made from the adventures and friendships, that keep them there."

We know that GA-S has a great group of participating members that work

hard to see that we have a great chapter, with lots of fun places to go and things to do. We also know that our Chapter works well as it is, and as such, we can keep things going along much as they have been. But it might be nice to see how some of these new changes can enhance the fun and decrease some of the more mundane business functions, and hopefully reduce the amount of paper work required to operate a chapter. (Yeah!).

This change won't happen overnight; however some changes with TEAM GWRRA have already been made, and they have the goal of completing the restructuring by the end of this year.

As your Membership Enhancement Coordinator's, we want to hear from you. What are some of the things you like about chapter life? What are some-

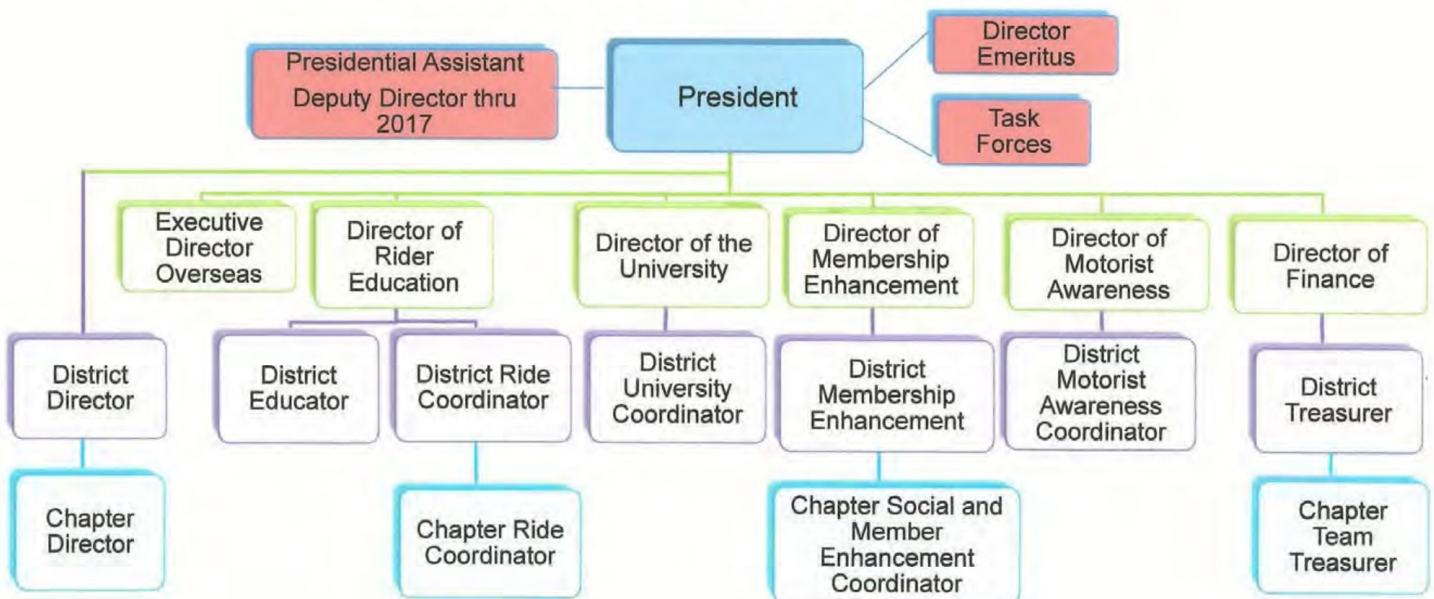
things that you don't particularly care for? What would you like to see us do to enhance your enjoyment in the Chapter? While we can't do everything, we want to hear from you and to promote fun in GA-S.



Ken & Traci Thrasher  
Membership Enhancement  
Coordinator

Below is a copy of the new GWRRA structure.

## GWRRA Field Restructure 2017 Takes Effect 1/1/2018 Chapter level can start anytime





## There Goes the Sun...

To paraphrase George Harrison,

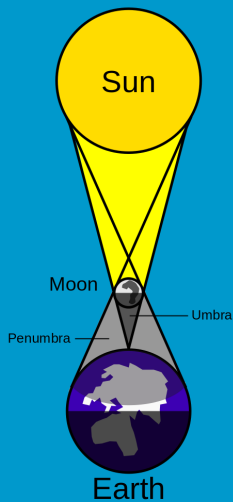
There goes the sun (doo doo doo doo)  
There goes the sun, and I say It's all right...



We have an incredibly unique opportunity coming up for us in northeast Georgia on Monday, August 21st. For the first time in nearly 100 years, we will be witness to a total eclipse of the sun! During a total eclipse, the moon completely blocks out the sun, causing darkness over a tiny spot of the Earth's surface. In the area of totality, the sun's corona (where large plumes of gas can be seen warped in all directions by the sun's magnetic sphere) becomes visible. Also during a total eclipse most of the brighter stars become visible, along with any bright planets.

Other things to look for are:

- Bailey's Beads—the sun briefly shining through the mountains on the moon and creating “beads” around the edges—that looks like a diamond necklace hanging in the sky for a few seconds. This will happen at the beginning and end of totality.
- Solar Prominences—may appear just outside the silhouette of the moon and are areas of gas being carried by the sun's strong magnetic sphere. They form loops and streams just off of the surface.
- Pinhole effect—gaps between the leaves of the trees will act as thousands of pinhole cameras and project images of the eclipse onto the ground and other objects.



GA-S will be heading up to northeast Georgia on the morning of August 21st and hope to secure a great location for us to see the once in a life time event. The partial eclipse will start in Toccoa at 1:07 PM, with the total eclipse beginning at 2:36 and lasting just over 2 minutes. The partial eclipse will end at 4:02.

While it may be safe to look at the eclipse during totality, *it is not safe any other time*. As such, you will need to have solar glasses or use a pinhole camera. If you get glasses, make sure that they are ISO 12312-2 compliant. This should be clearly printed on the glasses. Vance has secured 10 pair that are available on a 1st come, 1st serviced basis, and can be purchased from him at his cost. (Note: only 6 pair remain, as the others are already spoken for!) You can also pick up some at many area stores including WalMart.

We expect traffic to be heavy around the area so we will be avoiding most of the towns in the area and traveling by back-roads. We will leave at 10:00 AM from the “On The Run” Exxon, near the corner of Highway 11 and 129 in Jefferson. We have secured permission to watch the event at the Georgia Baptist Convention Center (GBCC)—yes the same location as next years Georgia Rally! It has a nice large parking lot and green space with a great view of the sky. Reservations are required, and you can secure your reservation by having lunch at GBCC with GA-S! The cost of the meal will be \$10 per person. Payment has to be made in advance. Just let Traci or I know and we'll arrange everything.

Of course weather may be a factor, so stay tuned to the website for possible changes. Traci and I are still planning to head up for the event regardless of the weather, but we may go on four wheels if the weather does not cooperate.



Information for this article taken from various sources including: [www.nowharbersham.com](http://www.nowharbersham.com) and [365atlantafamily.com](http://365atlantafamily.com)

## 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

**July: Traci**—for leaving Goofy at home

## Goofy's Adventures

It's Me Again .....Goofy.....

Well, it's your ole pal Goofy reporting again from Casa de Thrasher for another month. Traci forgot to bring me to the last gathering and it looks like that guarantees an automatic extended stay, so I got to spend another month with my favorite Chapter S member.

It was a pretty uneventful month for your ole pal Goofy this month. I did a lot of sitting on th'e dining room table and watching Traci and Ken eat, clean, fold laundry, pay bills, read, do dishes, watch tv, surf the internet, and smooch.....alot.....

I did have a strange experience though. I went to sleep late one night after watching one too many episodes of Tiny House Nation with Traci and had the weirdest dream. I dreamed I was riding in the car with Traci and we were on our way to Disneyworld to visit my ole pal Mickey. We were listening to the Disney Channel and everything was going along fine until I heard a big "bang" --- the car lurched forward and then stopped abruptly. In my dream, I had my seat belt on so I stayed put in the seat and so did Traci, but as soon as that happened, I woke up on the couch where I had been watching tv the night before. I was a little disoriented, but was glad it had all just been a dream. Imagine my surprise then when Traci showed up at home several hours earlier than normal and in a different car. She told me what had happened to her and the Pilot and I can only say that if I had bones, the ones in my face would have caused my jaw to drop. I can only conclude that since I have spent so much time with Traci over the last couple months that we developed a "psychic bond" and I knew before she had the chance to tell me, what had happened that morning.

All is well and I look forward to going home with someone new next month. But if I am going to have a psychic bond with Traci, I sure wish it would kick in when she buys her once per year quick pick lottery ticket. That's a bang I could get behind!!

See y'all next month! Your Pal, Goofy

Look who I've  
been playing  
with!!



"I Love to  
Ride"

Just  
for  
Fun

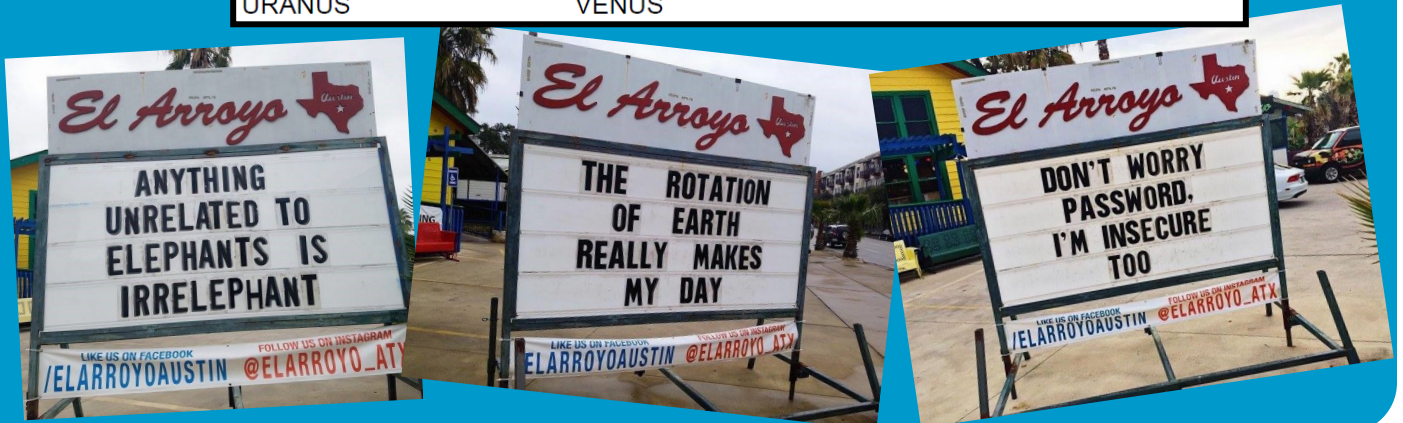
### Heavenly Happenings August 2017

U E N R O A D D F W L L Y S A H X O O M  
 S A N P T L F O A C Q X E C L I P S E Q  
 R Q D R O Z N L P L U T O X H W N A S A  
 A D C O M E T L I D J N L T T J M O O N  
 T D L M U H X O J K U S N R U T A S U U  
 S A Y I P B T P X S P O R S A X F V R C  
 A R D N M M W A M O I L R W U L T F X S  
 T K E E H P W P I R T A H X H N M E N H  
 N N E N M T I O P C E R J O U E A O X A  
 R E Y C S O R N U D R S U R T D O R T L  
 A S V E D H R A H M H S E E F P J L U T  
 N S G M A J D D E O T C O S Y E L I A B  
 U Z O P E O M R N O L R G G S A K W T D  
 L J H Y B I C A N A V E R A L A N H I J  
 C G R C D O R S S P A C E W K X L X B U  
 A F M C R E U B J Q H P V A N O K G I Y  
 M S L O C N F A S E S R A M G R G Q Q K  
 E F N I E C N E I C S I T E S L Q Z E X  
 R A B V W B F T O T A L I T Y R E E M P  
 A O M Z O A I J S A G L W Y R U C R E M

ANDROMEDA  
 BAILEYS  
 CANAVERAL  
 DARKNESS  
 ECLIPSE  
 JUPITER  
 MERCURY  
 NASA  
 PROMINENCE  
 SCIENCE  
 SOLAR  
 SUN  
 URANUS





APOLLO  
 BEADS  
 COMET  
 EAGLE  
 GLASSES  
 LUNAR  
 METEOR  
 PINHOLE  
 ROAD  
 SETI  
 SPACE  
 TOTALITY  
 VENUS

ARECIBO  
 CAMERA  
 CORONA  
 EARTH  
 HOUSTON  
 MARS  
 MOON  
 PLUTO  
 SATURN  
 SNOOPY  
 STARS  
 TRIP





# August 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Chapter Gathering Golden Corral 7 PM  Donna Roman BD	2  Rich/Lee Johnson Anv	3  Mike Burns BD Pat/Dave Salum Anv.	4  International Beer Day	5  Bob Ragonese BD
6  Gary/Shirl Verhulst Anv.	7	8  Ralph Altman BD Doug Kregel BD	9  Jean Bernius BD	10	11	12 Breakfast Ride The Big Family Cafe  Danny White BU
13  International Left-Handers Day	14	15  John Anagnost BD Steve Yates BD	16	17 Dinner Ride Blind Pig Tavern, Athens 	18	19  National Aviation Day
20	21 Solar Eclipse Ride NE Georgia Mtns.	22	23	24	25	26  George/Vicki Petty Anv. Allen/Jenna Phillips Anv.
27	28	29 Wing Ding Grapevine, TX	30	31 		

## 2017 Schedule of Events

8/1	Chapter Gathering, Golden Corral, Winder
8/12	Breakfast Ride, The Big Family Café, Athens
8/17	Dinner Ride, Blind Pig Tavern, Athens
8/21	Solar Eclipse Ride, Northeast GA
8/29-9/2	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
9/23	Chapter R Picnic, Acworth, GA
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
12/2	Salvation Army Toy Ride, Cycle World, Athens
12/5	<b>No Chapter Gathering in December</b>
12/9	Christmas Party, Winder Woman's Club
1/1	New Year's Day Ride, Papa's Place, Dawsonville



I good friend of mine is looking to sell his 1999 Black and Silver Valkrie. It is in great condition and pictures are available. It has 36000 miles on it and all fluids were just changed (all synthetic). Tires have approximately 1000 miles on them. My friend's name is Gary Gaston and his cell number is 770.880.9157. Asking \$4000.00.

Karen or Tom Powell

404.281.5636

## District News

Information about the location of the Georgia Traveler's Plaque and Hot Potato is not know at the time of publication.

Stay tuned to the District Website to find out where these may be!

[www.gwrra-ga.com](http://www.gwrra-ga.com)

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>

## **GWRRA Anniversaries**

Dave Brown—18 years

Ken & Traci Thrasher—13 years

Terry & Barb Greer—7 years

Mike & Sandy Burns—2 years

**Sy Richards, Architect Inc.**

**Ken Thrasher, President**

P.O. Box 585(404) 633-2677

301 E. Church St.

Monroe, GA 30655

(Provide paper and copying services used in the production of this newsletter.)

## **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.