



Goldwing Road Riders Association



Mississippi District Region A



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IT IS CLOSER THAN YOU THINK!

WOW! is the best way to describe Wing Ding this year. We had an really good time visiting and PARTICIPATING in the many activities that were offered. If you missed it, you missed a great time. It was good to see many of the MS folk's faces present. We always have a great showing at Wing Ding, and this year was no different. Thanks to those of you who volunteered your time to help out the District team at the ticket sales/poker run tables on Saturday. We couldn't have done it with out you guys and MS never is lacking for volunteers. We had more than enough to man the tables the entire day, THANKS again for helping our great state "SHINE" with volunteers!

Please mark your calendars to attend one (or both) of the 2 picnics that we have planned for you guys. On Saturday, August 6, 2011 we will host our "South Picnic" to be held at Paul B. Johnson State Park just outside Hattiesburg. (This is the same place that Chapter MS-B holds their annual chili cook off in January). We will begin at 10:00 AM under the pavilion and have many fun activities planned for you. All you need is to bring your lunch, drink, and a smile! We will hold the North Picnic on Saturday, August 27, 2011 at Grenada Lake, beginning at 10:00. You will need to bring a sack lunch, drink, and a willingness to PARTICIPATE! Hope to see each of you there...

Your MS District Rally (Convention) is closer than you think! So please get your "HILL BILLY" thinking caps on and get with your chapter, come up with a plan, and for goodness sakes PARTICIPATE IN EVERYTHING AVAILABLE!

We are looking for YOUR registration forms in the mail THIS WEEK! Get them filled out and in the mail! Each chapter is reminded to bring 5 game prizes for the convention, and goodies for our Hospitality room. Also, don't forget that MS District's own Willy and Tilly are asking for t-shirt donations!

Your Chapter Director has your chapter assignments for the District Rally. Please help them out by volunteering! If there is anything that we can do to help you guys, please let us know...

We are YOUR MS DISTRICT DIRECTORS,
Bobby and Lori Bryant
Participation is the key to fun

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July is the hottest month so far. The temperature has been in the upper 90's for weeks now. Heat index 100+. A few showers help cool things down a bit from time to time.

The first week in July, we traveled to Knoxville, TN to attend the Wing Ding 33 "Rollin on Rocky Top". It was hot there also. Folks riding bikes traveled at night to avoid the heat. There were still riders who braved the heat. Not us, I nearly had a heat stroke and now I am not as insistent that we ride. We traveled in an air conditioned truck following some fellow chapter members on their bikes. We encountered a wreck that traffic had to be re-routed around it. We were stuck in bumper to bumper traffic for 2 hours in the heat of the day. We felt sorry for the guys we were following. We would have been miserable, if not unbearable, on our motorcycle.

We stayed in a nice lodge in Strawberry Plains. We had a lot of company, 13 more folks were there too. We had a great time visiting and making preparations of upcoming events. We attended the Chapter challenge and the Top Gun Challenge. We sure have some great riders in the GWRRA family.

We worked selling tickets for Grand Prize and 50/25/25. This is how you have FUN at a convention. You participate and get to know more and more folks. There were a great vast number of vendors, selling anything you could possibly need or want for your bike and travels.

After Wing Ding, we traveled to our favorite town in the Great Smoky Mountains, Maggie Valley NC. We stayed there three days. We traveled a lot of mountain roads looking at houses and land for sale. It is our dream to one day live around Maggie Valley NC. We traveled up a sometime one lane dirt road to see the Elk in a refuge – 6,000 ft above sea level. It was an awesome ride.

August 6, we will be having the Southern Mississippi District Picnic at Paul B Johnson State Park. Bring your favorite picnic lunch, fixings and drink. All chapters are invited. August 27, the Northern Mississippi District Picnic will be at the Grenada Lake State Park. Again, bring your favorite picnic lunch, fixings and drink. The District Team will provide the games and fun.

Upcoming Events: September 10, Chapter "F" Fun Day in Flowood, MS – September 15 thru 17, Region "A" Convention in Eufaula, AL–September 24, Chapter "Q" Fun Day in Greenville, MS. Mark these on your calendar.

October 13-15, will be the Mississippi District Convention in Tupelo. Theme is **Hillbilly Style**. Put on your hillbilly outfit and come out and play with us. Please, please, come out and support us. This is your Convention. We will do what we can to make this an enjoyable time for all. Remember we need your God given talent for our Talent Show. We would love to see each attending chapter to have an act.

We are working to get as many vendors as we can. Hopefully, we will have some that you have not had a chance to see yet.

Billy Bob has been touring the Gulf Coast with Chapter "Z". He is now at home with Chapter "L". Please remember, to write a short article of his travels to our webmaster, Ronnie Baldwin. Everyone wants to hear about his adventures.

Remember, **WE ARE HERE FOR YOU!!!!**

Ride Safe and Keep the Shiny Side UP!!!! Mike and Joyce Rist Mississippi Assistant District Directors.



Mississippi Senior District Educator



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WING DING IS PAST

If you didn't get a chance to go to Wing Ding you missed a great Rally, The total was over 12,000 people and over 70 vendors and people were making the vendors very happy, they were spending Money. Mississippi had a lot of people to show up, it was good to see them. The only problem was parking at the convention center but we made it work. One of the reason for that area's success is it's home for some of the best motorcycle riding roads around. Next Convention is the Region "A" in Eufaula, AL. Hope to see all of you there and don't forget The Mississippi Convention in Tupelo MS. We are offering ERC, ARC and TRC courses plus plenty of seminars so come play with us we love to have fun.

Eldon "Buddy" Shirley

Senior Mississippi District Educator



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Senior, Grand, and Life Grand Master Levels

Eldon “Buddy” Shirley, congratulations on becoming Grand Master in the Master Recognition program. Buddy attained this level of recognition because of his dedication to wearing "All The Gear All The Time" and continuing his training in the education programs that GWRRA offers.

You may be the next one that I congratulate in a newsletter. Have you been current in riding courses and Medic First Aid courses for the proper time period? Check out the following time period for each recognition step to see where you are.

Senior Master – 5 years of Active Participation – Became a Master between 2002-2006 - Master Number Range 3801 – 6330

Grand Master – 10 Years of Active Participation – Became a Master between 1997-2001 – Master Number Range 1461-3800

Life Grand Master - 15 Years of Active Participation – Became a Master between 1992 or earlier – 1996 – Master Number Range 001-1460

With the New Improved Levels Database your Chapter Educator can easily check to see if you are eligible. Then you and your Chapter Educator will need to complete an N9 Master Level Application Form. Be sure to enclose \$2.00 for each patch you need.

Chapter Educators, if you have any question on this Master Recognition Program or the New Levels Database do not hesitate to either email or give me a call. I'm here to help you.

Ruth Ann
MS Assistant District Educator



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It was good to see Mississippi well represented at Wing Ding in Knoxville this year. Hope everyone had a great time and was able to enjoy some of the beautiful rides that were available. On our way to Knoxville, we took the time to ride Deal's Gap along with some of the other highways, having a great time.

In your travels this month, don't forget about the District Picnics that are on the calendar. Saturday, August 6 will be the Southern Picnic at Paul B. Johnson State Park out from Hattiesburg and the Northern Picnic is scheduled for Saturday, August 27 at Grenada Lake. But let us not forget our own Mississippi Convention on October 13-15. We have enclosed the Competition Guidelines for this year's competition. There has been a few changes, so please take a moment to read through them. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact us.



2011 MISSISSIPPI DISTRICT CONVENTION - COMPETITION GUIDELINES

CHAPTER POSTER OR COLLAGE – Must be submitted by a Fully Registered participant. Judging will be based on having the following on your poster/Collage.

- 0-5 points Gold Wing Road Riders Association or GWRRA
- 0-5 points Motto: Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge
- 0-5 points Region Designation
- 0-5 points District Designation
- 0-5 points Chapter Designation
- 0-5 points Appropriate to the Theme of the Convention
- 0-20 points Creativity
- 0-25 points Title or description of various events
- 0-25 points Overall Appeal

Maximum Score = 100 Points

CHAPTER BANNER – Banner must be submitted by a Fully Registered participant. Judging will be based on having the following items on your Chapter Banner.

- 0-10 points Gold Wing Road Riders Association or GWRRA
- 0-10 points Motto: Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge
- 0-10 points Region Designation
- 0-10 points District Designation
- 0-10 points Chapter Designation
- 0-50 points Overall Appeal / Presentation

Maximum Score=100 Points

CHAPTER OR INDIVIDUAL HAT – Must be submitted by a Fully Registered participant. Judging will be based on the following.

- 0-10 points Any pin or patch indicating affiliation with GWRRA
- 0-10 points Chapter Designation
- 0-10 points Neatness
- 0-20 points Creativity
- 0-25 points Appropriate to theme of the Convention
- 0-25 points Overall Appeal

Maximum Score = 100 Points

CHAPTER GROUP PHOTO – Must be submitted by a Fully Registered participant. Judging will be based on having the following for you photo:

- 0-20 points 8X10 Black and White or Color Group Photo
- 0-10 points Framed with easel mounted to the back of frame
- 0-10 points Restaurant sign in Background
- 0-10 points Chapter Shirts worn by Chapter Participants
- 0-10 points One or more Gold wing in Photo
- 0-40 points Overall Appeal

Maximum Score = 100 Points

CHAPTER MASCOTS – Mascot must be submitted by a Fully Registered participant and cannot be a “live” Mascot. Judging will be based on the following:

- 0-25 points Appropriate to Theme of Convention
- 0-10 points Evidence of GWRRA Identification (any patch, pin, etc. with GWRRA logo/name)
- 0-10 points Proper Riding Gear: Helmet, gloves, boots, pants, long sleeves, eye protection
- 0-30 points Creativity
- 0-25 points Overall Appeal

Maximum Score = 100 Points

SCRAPBOOK COMPETITION :Scrapbook must be submitted for judging only by fully registered participants. Judging will be based on having the following in your Scrapbook: Winners of the scrapbook competition at the District level will go on to compete at the Region A Convention.

0-5 points GWRRA or Gold Wing Road Riders Association

0-5 points Motto: Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge

0-5 points Region Designation

0-5 points District Designation

0-5 points Chapter Designation

0-10 points Overall Appeal of the Cover

0-20 points Presentation

0-25 points Title or Description of Various Events

0-25 points Over all Content

Maximum Score = 100 Points

CHAPTER SHIRT COMPETITION – Minimum of Four (4) Participants

1-10 points Neatness

5 points GWRRA Designation (acronym or Logo)

5 points REGION Designation

5 points DISTRICT Designation

5 points CHAPTER Designation

1-10 points Comfort Level of Competitors

1-10 points All Shirts Identical

Maximum Score = 50 pints

Talent Show Rules

The Talent Show will consist of 4 categories:

- Chapter Comedy (1st and 2nd Place) – 4 or more people
- Individual Comedy (1st and 2nd Place)
- Chapter Serious (1st and 2nd Place) – 4 or more people

Individual Serious (1st and 2nd Place)

Acts should be **5 minutes or less** in duration. Points will be deducted from scoring for acts over 5 minutes. Acts will be truncated at 7 minutes. All entries will be given extra points for following the theme of the convention. Please use “Family Friendly” material.

Judging Criteria:

0-10 points Performance (How good/funny)

0-10 points Enthusiasm (Enjoyment of Performers)

0-10 points Poise (Relaxed)

0-10 points Audience Reaction

0-10 points Appearance (Dress fit act)

0-15 points Extra Credit for Theme of the Convention

Total Possible Score = 65 points

Best Dressed Competitions

There will be 3 categories in the Best Dressed Competition:

1. Best Dressed (Couple / Chapter), **Parade** Category
 2. Chapter Pride (Couple / Chapter), **“Costume Contest”** Category
- Best Dressed (Couple / Chapter), **Riding** Category

General Rules / Definitions for all three categories (all six classes) :

Each entry must be an Individual Member, Family Member, Individual Associate Member, or Family Associate Member of the GWRRA

Each participant must be wearing a version of the 10-inch GWRRA back patch and a GWRRA membership pin. The exception will be the Chapter Pride “COSTUME” Category.

The participants will be expected to perform “1/4 turns” to allow judges and spectators to see their outfits.

Each of the three categories has two sub-categories (classes):

Couple (a couple is defined as one male and one female)

Chapter (a chapter consist of at least four participants)

To compete in Best Dressed Chapter for any of the three categories, members must wear their chapter’s designation

Because these are intended to be fun events, Rider education program or Mileage awards will not carry point value.

The “**Best Dressed (Couple/Chapter) Parade**” category does not include any music or routines. The contestant’s outfits will be suitable for representing their chapter in a parade or other event. Scoring will be 60% for uniformity and appearance, 30% for practicality, and 10% for poise.

The “**Chapter Pride (Couple/Chapter), “COSTUME Contest”**” category may include music, marching or dance routines. The contestant’s outfits will be suitable for representing their chapter in a parade or other event. Scoring will be 50% for showmanship, 25% for uniformity and appearance, 25% Convention theme followed. Music can be used but not required, and time limit is **3 minutes**.

3. The “**Best Dressed (Couple/Chapter), Riding!**” category does not include any music or routines. The contestant’s outfits will be suitable for motorcycle riding, which usually includes a helmet, boots, gloves, long sleeve shirt, and long pants. Scoring will be 50% or practicality, 40% for uniformity and appearance, and 10% for poise.

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Hello Everyone,

I hope everyone is having a fantastic summer. Bobby and I really enjoyed Wing Ding and seeing everybody. We had a great time at the zoo, talent show and I think we bought the vendors out! I would first like to thank all of you who have given of your time to attend or teach leadership training classes. It has really been a lot of fun.

We have several classes coming up and would love to see your bright shining faces in the crowd:

July 23, 2011 Chapter Leadership Skills

August 20, 2011 Intermediate Leadership Skills

October 1, 2011 Membership Orientation Program

Hope to see you there!





2010-2011 Couple of the Year
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Well Wing Ding 33 is a past now and if you didn't get to attend you missed a really good time. We now have a new International Couple Of The Year, Kirby and Sandy White from Region D .All the couples did a great job and we were proud of Becky and Ron. We hope the new Couple will have a great time in traveling and representing GWRRA .On the Chapter level please don't forget about our Couples Of The Year gathering on July 30th from 12-until at MS. Realtors in Flowood MS.I know I have been in contact with everyone and some of you can com e and some will not be able to attend. We will really miss you and fellowshipping with you. I hope you can make it to Eufaula AL. for Region A rally. If you cannot keep your fingers cross that we will be selected as Region A couple Of The Year. We hope to see everyone at one of the District picnics in August. Please ride safe and always watch the other person.



Motorist Awareness

I hope everyone has ordered their supplies from corporate .They tend to run out quickly. I need all Chapter Directors help in making sure that their MAP coordinators send the form n.6 in every month. If you do not have one, I am sorry but it will fall back on Chapter Directors to complete. The MAP position to me is one of the most important position next to Rider Education. Both of these can possibly help save lives. We have got to make motorist understand that we are out there and that our lives sometimes are in their hands. I hope in a few weeks to have some good news about how we can get more material from another source. I will let you know as soon as I find out.

MS. District Map Coordinators
 Woody and Debbie Jones





From National's Newsletter

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Statement of Release

We have released the **Officers Certification Program** as an online version, which we will be offering as a choice for the member to take.

Although we are offering it online, when available we recommend for Members to attend a live presentation. The online version has no interaction with others whereby a lot of good information becomes available to them. It is approximately 7-8 hours in length for all 15 modules, including the Knowledge exercises.

A member wishing to participate in the online Officers Certification Program must contact their respective District Trainer or Region Trainer to receive the sign-on information and also a study guide to assist you while taking the online version of OCP.

Once you sign on go to the section saying Modules, click on it and get started with the program. You may start and stop whenever you feel comfortable. When you resume the program it will automatically start where you left off. At the end of each module you will be instructed to "Go to the Quiz". You must answer the questions before proceeding to the next module.

If you have a Dial-Up ISP then you may opt for doing it on a DVD. The same rules apply as for the on-line version.

You will have 30 days from the time you start till the time you must have it completed, for whichever version you decide to go with.

Sincerely,

Paul Brosher
International Director, Leadership Training Program



Georgia District Couple of the Year 2011

Bob & Dianne Hickly

From your MS GWRRA friends: Bob & Dianne Hickly, the GA District Couple of the Year, were involved in an accident on Saturday, July 30th and Dianne did not survive. Our deepest sympathy goes out to Bob, their family, and the GA District family. Our thoughts and prayers for all of you!



CHAPTERS HAVING AN EVENT IN 2011

CHAPTER F – FUN DAY - **SEPTEMBER 10TH**

CHAPTER Q –CHARITY EVENT - **SEPTEMBER 24TH**

MS District Conv. (rally) **OCTOBER 13-15TH**

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Thanks to Joyce Rist for getting this together.

NEW Dates

August 6 **District Picnic South**—Paul B Johnson Park (2/24)

August 27 **District Picnic North**—Grenada Lake (2/24)



2011 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY

30 Couple of the Year - Cookout 12pm, MS Realtors Bldg.-Flowood, MS (**new**)

AUGUST

20 Intermediate Leadership Skills Program MS Realtors Bldg.-Flowood, MS

SEPTEMBER

15-17 Region "A" Conv. Eufaula, AL <http://www.gwrra-regiona.org/RArally.shtml>

22-24 North Carolina District Conv. Fletcher, NC <http://www.gwrranc.org/wos2011.htm>

OCTOBER

1 Membership Orientation Program—MS Realtors Bldg.-Flowood, MS

13-15 Mississippi District Conv. Tupelo, MS <http://www.miss.gwrra-regiona.org/>
Chapter Life Program (at the Conv.)

NOVEMBER

5 Advanced Leadership Skills MS Realtors Bldg.-Flowood, MS

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**Do not forget the
MISSISSIPPI
District Convention
in Tupelo, MS
October 13, 14 & 15
2011
Ya'll come on and join
us.**