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Mississippi District Region A



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"THANKS FOR EVERYTHING"

The 2011 rally has now come and gone and even though we were down with attendance, we feel like it was a success. We first and foremost want to thank our District Team members for their endless help and support. You guys are the BEST and nothing is possible without your help. We also want to thank each chapter for their willingness to help out wherever it was needed (and we didn't even hear any complaints on the helping out part!) The MS District Rally (yes, it will always be a rally to all of us), is yours. It is a time to host other districts and have one big party, learn a few things and just catch up on the year. The District Team is just there to make sure that all goes well. MS Chapters...you rock!! Thanks from the bottom of our hearts for everything, but most of all thanks for the words of kindness and support. YOU make a rally and this is the reason we are marking this one in the books as a SUCCESS!

We have heard your numerous request, and have been working all year (along with the Tupelo Rally) to bring you "back home" to the MS Gulf Coast...Biloxi, MS. Things have a way of working themselves out and that's what we've done. We will be in Biloxi, MS for the 2012 MS DISTRICT RALLY...Dates to mark on your calendar: October 11-13, 2012. The host hotel, IP Casino, Resort, Spa (1-888-WIN AT IP) will host MOST everything with the exception of the rider education riding courses, and possibly the Thursday night block party. Details to be revealed as things get completely ironed out. As of Wed. afternoon, there were only 30 more rooms available on our second blocking. So, if you want to stay at the host hotel, you better call now! After they are gone..there are no more to be booked at our rates. Pack your bags and let's go "BACK TO THE BEACH"... Wear anything beach related, think that the district team will be from Hawaii, and do Hawaiian style..you choose, whatever the beach means to you!

Welcome new district team members, Chuck Mooney, Nancy Wade! (of course this means their significant others too!) We would like to thank Ronnie and Debra Baldwin for their dedication and faithfulness to the MS District Team over the years. We will miss them dearly, but they assure us they will still be here and just a phone call away! We love you both!

I must brag on a few district members for their showing in the Amazing Team Challenge, Chapter D, that includes our very on Buddy and Lomax were on the winning team for the Amazing Team Challenge team competition. GREAT JOB YOU GUYS. Bobo Mzingo won 1st place in the individual riding division. Congrats to all that participated in ANY competition held, your participation is what it is all about. We will hold the Amazing Team Challenge again in 2012, so get to practicing!

Congratulations to Joey and Beverly Johnson from Chapter Q..they are your new 2011-12 MS DISTRICT COUPLE OF THE YEAR!!! They will represent MS at the Region Selection in September, everyone did a great job at the selection process, everyone is a winner!

If we have missed anyone, please know that it has not been on purpose, I try not to spill over into another team members division so that you guys are not reading the same article from each of us.

We need your ideas, input and suggestions (good or bad). So, please let us know how we can help. This is what we are here for, you ...the members!

We Love you all,
Bobby and Lori

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Well, We, The Mississippi District Team, have had our first Convention. We had a lot of work putting it on but we had a fun filled time. The folks that helped us set it up could not have been better. The workers at the BankCorps South Arena in Tupelo were awesome. We wanted for nothing. They supplied all our needs with the best attitude. We all just love the folks there.

There were some things we learned that we need to do next year. We appreciate the folks that helped by volunteering their time to assist us in the different areas. That is really how you have fun by getting to know other folks from other states and regions.

Our theme this year was Hillbilly Style. It was great to see so many folks dressing up in our theme. We had some real cute ones. It is one of the easiest to do. A pair of rolled up jeans or overalls and a shirt is all you really need. A straw hat completes the outfit.

The vendors this year said they had a great time with all the folks being so nice to them. The attendance was down according to past number of vendors. We strived to have a good variety for the convention.

We had a great talent show this year. One thing is certain – we have some talented folks in Mississippi. A special thanks goes out to the participants in the talent show. Thank you for your time and talent. We appreciate it so much.

As you all know by now, we will be in Biloxi again starting next year. We are looking for a lot of folks coming “Back to the Beach”. We have had GWRRA members and vendors begging us to go back to the coast. As you all know, the convention is only as good as the members that support it. Get your registrations in early and reserve your rooms as early as you can. They will be going fast.

Ride safe and Keep the Shiny side UP!!

WE ARE HERE FOR YOU!

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MS Assistant District Directors



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WHAT A RALLY

The MS District Rally has come to an end and what a Rally it was. If you didn't make it you missed a whole lot of fun, there was a lot going on we offered riding courses which were well attended and the seminars most were full I would like to thank all the RED Seminar presenters, Pat and Gregg Harbison for doing the Motorcycle Crash scene Response, Karl Scott for the Co-Rider and Phillip Williams for filling in at the last moment on the Night Riding seminar. I would also like to thank the Rider course Instructors that helped put on the courses. The ERC course was Ottis Anderson, the ARC was Lomax Rosamond and Jim Robinson and the Trike course was Phillip Williams and Carl Breeding. I would also like to thank Jim Robinson and Richard Chapman for helping put on the Amazing Team Challenge which I think went over real well. Next year we will be on the coast and we are planning on putting on the riding courses and the Amazing Team Challenge. Folks the MS Rally is for you if you don't come to the Rally soon there won't be a Rally so make plans next year to come to the MS coast and play with us

Eldon "Buddy" Shirley Senior MS District Educator



Make A Difference

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I want to give a BIG THANK YOU:

To all our friends, old and new, that attended our convention. There would be no conventions if you didn't come. We will see you October 11-13, 2012 in Biloxi, MS.

To Jim Robinson, Lomax Rosamond, Carl Breeding, Phillip Williams, Ottis Anderson and Buddy Shirley for refining the riding skills of 20 riders and 5 Co-Riders.

To our Seminar Presenters, Phillip Williams, Gregg and Pat Haribson, Karl Scott, Hampton and Sharon Conway. These folks educated 75 of our friends.

To all the volunteers, we just can't do without you.

Ruth Ann

MS Assistant District Educator

Congratulations:

Butch and Mary Norman, MS-Y for reaching Master Tour Rider/Co-Rider

Larry and Barbara Wolfe, MS-B for reaching Grand Masters Tour Rider/Co-Rider



Membership Enhancement Chapter of the Year Coordinators

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Well the 2011 Mississippi Convention is now just one for the history books. We hope everyone had as much FUN as we did. That is what it is all about. We would like to thank everyone for coming out and showing their support at the convention. Now is the time to get ready for next year, which by the way, I'm sure you've heard by now, we are heading back to Biloxi.

We would like to say "Thank You" to all the Chapter Member Enhancement Coordinators that help work the MEC table at the Convention, thanks for everything. Also, we would like to say "Congratulation" to Bob and Juanee Barrington for being chosen the Chapter MEC of the Year. They did a wonderful job promoting GWRRA this past year. Thanks for all the work that you did.

Congratulation also goes out to Joey and Beverly Johnson from Chapter MS-Q, our new 2011-2012 District Couple of the Year. We know that they will do a great job representing our state.

To, Nancy and Larry Wade, Chapter MS-F and Chuck Mooney, Chapter MS-L, welcome aboard to the District Team. We look forward to working with you guys this coming year and at the same time we are having to say farewell to Ronnie and Debra Baldwin. It was a pleasure working with you on the District Team but we know that you will also enjoy just being a JAM. Thanks Ronnie and Debra, we will miss you.

To all our Chapter of the Year Coordinators, as the end of the year is approaching, please keep this date in mind. **All CHOY participants much have their packets submitted to us no later than January 5, 2012.** Be watching your December District Newsletter for a list of required information that much be submitted.

To all New or Returning, Chapter Directors, once you have chosen your 2012 Chapter Couple of the Year, please forward this information to us. We will be recognizing them at the Officers Meeting in January. Also if there will be a change in the Chapter MEC at the beginning of the year, let us know so that we can make sure you have the right Officer Change form. We would like to take care of this before the Officer's Meeting.

Remember the GWRRA motto: Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge

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Leadership Training

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Greetings all,

Bobby and I had a great time at the rally with all of you. We met a lot of new people and spent a lot of money! Thank you Dave for all of the help figuring my computer out.

Leadership training at the rally was wonderful and we thank all the trainers that gave of their time to teach classes: Bob and Jaunee Barrington, KZ and Terry Kleinheitz and Terri Kozlowski. In all, we trained 23 people! Not too shabby.

We have "Advanced Leadership" coming up November 5th at the Realtor building in Jackson. We look forward to seeing all of our "regulars" but, we would also like to see some new faces. Chapter F is trying to plan a ride afterwards for all those that would like to participate. We would also love to have as many trainers as possible to teach a module, it is always better when there are a few different people teaching.

We hope everyone will be helping us to find a place south and a place north that we could use for classes. Remember, it has to be free and have a projector we can use. Everyone have a great Thanksgiving because we will not talk to you again before then.

Hope to see you November 5th,

Bobby and Coleen Knight





2010-2011 Couple of the Year Couple of the Year Coordinators Motorist Awareness—MAD

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Hello Gold Wing Friends,

This is a bittersweet letter to write as it will be our last as MS. DISTRICT COUPLE OF THE YEAR. We had an awesome year traveling around and seeing old friends, meeting new friends that will last a lifetime and making new memories. We would like to say thank-you to our local chapter for their love and support this year, we missed a lot of rides being out of town visiting the district conventions, we love you guys! We would like to take this time to say thank-you to the districts for making us feel so welcomed, I really didn't expect anything less because that's what GWRRA friends/family does the best, you're the greatest! Woody made all of the conventions and had a good time, I wasn't able to make the GA Convention, sorry guys, you had to put up with Woody without me (I heard some really good stories) he had a great time judging the dessert table, man was he in heaven, sorry I couldn't make it, you know some of us have to work(HAHA). We made many new friends being in the couple of the year program and we became close to other chapter and district couples, every couple did an awesome job representing their chapter/district. I hope this program will continue to get the support it needs starting @ the chapter level, it is a really good program, a program that we are proud to be a part of. CONGRATULATIONS to Greg and Renee, they are an awesome couple and they will represent REGION A very well and make us all proud. We got to know them better @ Eufaula and they are a very warm and friendly couple, a lot of fun to be around. We wish them the best in their travels this year, may they have a safe journey and remember to have FUN!! Looking forward to going "BACK TO THE BEACH" next year!

SAVE THE DATE: Oct. 11-13, IP CASINO, RESORT & SPA---BILOXI, MS.

Love you guys!

Woody and Debbie Jones

MS.DISTRICT TEAM

Our motto is SHARE the ROAD! This is a new campaign that you will be hearing a lot about. We need to educate the public that we are out there and they we are not invisible. Our mission it is decrease the number of motorcycle crashes with other motor vehicles. Our primary goal is to reduce crashes with other vehicles on the highways and roads to help decrease loss of life and decrease in injuries. Our goal is to have a good relationship with motorists, to make them realize that we are real people who could be their friend, a love one or a neighbor. They need to drive aware, that we all share the same road, we are out there! WE need to drive respectfully ourselves so that we do not send out the wrong message, so many people think that all motorcycles are a like, they send out negative signals and give us a bad name. The Motorist Awareness Division has already begun working with Motorcycle Safety Foundation and other organizations in the motorcycling community. Communication is the key for sharing of info between us and these organizations to help build our programs and helps to set the stage for success and benefits the whole community regarding motorcyclists. We need to get the word out and make the public aware to remember to "LOOK TWICE and SAVE A LIFE" by using stickers on our cars or bulletin boards @ work, yard signs, anything, anywhere to make everyone aware that we are OUT THERE!
Motorists Awareness Program—Saving Lives Through Awareness Education!

District Motor Awareness Coordinators

Woody and Debbie Jones

Mississippi District Team





2011-2012 District Couple of the Year

Joey & Beverly Johnson

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We want to send a special thank-you to MS-Q for selecting us as their Chapter Couple of the Year for 2011. Working within our Chapter, recruiting participants and genuinely caring about each and every one of them is why we were given this very special award. Without them, we would not be here.

The support and encouragement we received from everyone throughout the selection process was incredible. We will cherish these memories forever.

We are proud to be a part of Region A and the Mississippi District Team. They have welcomed us with open arms.

Our journey throughout 2012 will be filled with as much fun and laughter as possible because we intend to visit as many Chapters and attend as many District Rally's as we can. It is our intention to represent GWRRA well throughout our Community, State and Region and make all of you proud that we were selected to be your Mississippi District Couple of the Year.

Sincerely,
Joey and Beverly Johnson

Now let's have some fun!

*A Word or Two From
Region "A"*



Region "A" Directors
Bob & Nancy Shrader

The edition of the Region "A" newsletter will be the last mailed in paper form. We've mailed hard copies of our newsletter for many years, but the cost of continuing to do so have become prohibitive. We have consulted with many of the folks to whom we've been mailing the paper copies and they have all told us that they can just as easily read the newsletter from the web site. The Region and District officers' lists that were mailed with the newsletter will be available to Region and District staffs on the web (but not to the public). We hope you understand, but we've got to control costs and the luxury of snail-mailing these newsletters out to 70+ folks just became too expensive. For those who do not have the ability to download a copy, if you will contact Ed Porter (Webmaster) he will arrange to mail you a copy.

2011 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER

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

December

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

**Do not forget the
MISSISSIPPI
District Convention
in Biloxi, MS
October 11, 12 & 13
2012**