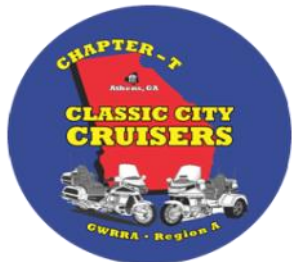


CHARTERED 1990**CHAPTER 'T' TEAM**

- **CHAPTER DIRECTORS**
Debbie & Ralph Stewart
- **ASSISTANT CHAPTER DIRECTOR**
Joyce and Stan Garrett
- **CHAPTER EDUCATORS**
Gary & Debbie Lewis
- **TREASURER**
Carol Swanson
- **MEMBERSHIP ENHANCEMENT**
Vacant
- **MOTORIST AWARENESS COORDINATOR**
VACANT
- **Ticket Sales**
Willie & Phyllis Barnett
Nell Hemphill
- **RIDE COORDINATORS**
Vacant
- **GOODY SALES**
Jeanne Dawley
- **NEWSLETTER EDITOR**
Vicky Martin
email: martintv@bellsouth.net
- **WEBMASTE**
vacant

**Director's Corner**

"You have to participate to enjoy chapter life"

First of all we want to thank you for the calls, cards and prayers for Ralph during his back surgery and recovery. It has been a long few weeks with its ups and downs but Ralph is doing great now and is raring to go. I have to keep a close eye on him because he is wanting to ride his motorcycle really bad. My most used words "NO Ralph, not yet."

Have you heard? Chapter T has two ride coordinators, Carl Deaver and Bill Smith has agreed to step up and get us riding again. Thank you both so much for all you do. We are looking forward to what you have in store for us.

March was very busy for us. We had the 40 to Phoenix dinner, a breakfast ride to Macintosh's, a dinner ride to Troubadour's, the Florida Rally and the ride to Rib Country. We had great participation on all these rides, not to mention the fantastic food and fellowship. Were you with us? If not you missed some good times. Participation is the key!!!

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FRIENDS for FUN SAFETY and KNOWLEDGE

We have our Spring Fling coming up next month and we need everyone to help make our event a success. If you are not sure what you can do to help PLEASE ask one of us. Plans are being made and it looks like we will have some good times. Our theme is "Pioneer Days" and we want you all to dress in your finest pioneer garb.

On Saturday, April 26th we are going on a plaque attack to Chapter B-2 in Lithia Springs. We will meet at the Race Trac on Hwy 441 at Hog Mountain Road. STANDS UP AT 7:00AM. We want to capture the plaque so that we can give it away at our Spring Fling.

Check out the calendar and as always your email for our upcoming rides and dinners.

Next Monthly Gathering..... Chapter T's Pioneer Day

Saturday, May 10th at: Blacks Creek Baptist Church 3754 Blacks Creek Church Road Commerce, GA 9:00AM – 2PM

**Ride Safe and Have Fun,
Debbie and Ralph Stewart
Chapter T Directors
2013 Couple of the Year**

Taco Soup Recipe

One can each of the following (Retel, Black Beans, White beans, Red beans, Whole kernel corn do not Drain), one package of taco seasoning, one package dry ranch dressing, one and a half lb of ground beef, two cups water, half cup chopped onions.

Brown the ground beef with onions, drain the excess grease, add seasoning and water, then add canned ingredients and simmer for 30 minutes.

Enjoy, Vicky

Team Riding Responsibilities

by Bruce & Melissa Thayer

RIDER ED 'GIMME 5'

In GWRRA we are always doing things in groups. We meet our fellow chapter members and ride together for a weekly dinner run. Or we join each other for a weekend breakfast before going on a run. Or we make an ice cream run together on a weekly basis. Most chapters have this kind of camaraderie and fellowship in one form or another. Then there are the monthly Gatherings where we meet and eat and have fun. And the rides to visit other chapters and support them at their Fun Run or Anniversary Party or Pig Out, and various other events that chapters put on. Much of the time we ride together in groups traveling to and from our various destinations.

Whenever we ride in groups, someone is in the Lead position. Hopefully, it is one of our GWRRA-trained Road Captains. In our chapter, it is someone whom we trust, respect and have confidence in. Someone with good judgment who is prepared to lead the group from the starting point all the way to our destination. Someone who has a planned route and shares it with all who join the ride. S/He holds pre-ride meetings with all participants to tell us the route, advise us of any stops along the way, and discuss our speed on the road. Our Lead may ask questions about who is on medication, who may need to stop at shorter intervals (perhaps due to a smaller gas tank), who has a CB radio and who does not, etc. Our Road Captain covers hand signals for riders that are new to our group, too. Our Road Captain has been leading our rides for a few years now. We don't think twice about following him/her because s/he never lets us down. We always arrive safely when we follow our Road Captain. We are very fortunate to have such a capable Road Captain in the Lead!

We also have another Road Captain, trained in the GWRRA way, to bring up the rear of the group. This is our Drag bike, or Tail Gunner. These two (Lead & Drag) work together like Lennon and McCartney. The Drag seems to know what the Lead is thinking, securing the lane almost as the thought passes through the mind of our Lead. They communicate well with each other and with the rest of the *team*. They let the group know what is going on around us. They inform us about things, like telling us we will be turning – in advance of the turn; when a car is attempting to pass the group on a 2-lane road; or when a car is passing on the right when we are on the highway. Our Lead and Drag always keep us aware of hazards on the road and all around us. We know they are looking out for the safety of the group. With Road Captains of this caliber, we feel very safe. We know we can enjoy the ride and watch the scenery with these two in charge.

Wait! Stop right there! We *all* need to remember that even those of us in the middle of the formation have responsibilities. We are responsible to pass on the hand signals from the Lead, such as for single file, stagger formation, pointing out potholes and road kill, sand in the corners, and other hazards, etc. We need to be aware who we are riding with, too. The burden is not all on the Road Captains. We cannot sleep because we ride in the middle of the pack. We need to maintain safe spacing with the other bikes around us. And most importantly, we need to ride our own ride. We *must* stay alert. Hazards don't always appear in front of the Lead bike. Sometimes they come at the riders in the middle of the group. We need to be aware of our surroundings and always be prepared to react to the unexpected at all times. We must remember that, just because our Road Captain is leading us, we are not excused from thinking for ourselves and riding our own ride. We are *all* responsible for our own safety at *all* times. *Never* give that responsibility away. It is nice to have someone willing to help look out for your safety, but ultimately, it is your life. Guard it wisely! Be sure to ride your own ride, even while Team Riding!

Are You ready to Rodeo?



**Bring it on to
Dollard and
Let's have a
Root 'in
Toot' in
Good Time!
YEE HA!!**

Classifieds

All ads must be submitted by a current GWRRA Member. Ads will run in the Newsletter for three months unless notified of the sale of the item/s listed. It is the responsibility of the owner to notify the Newsletter Editor when an item sales.

- **2005 GL1800 black Cherry Red, Loaded with all the Bells and Whistles.**

Call Carl Devers - 706-717-1561

Upcoming Events

- April 26 Georgia District Plaque Attack B-2.
- May 1st-3rd **South Carolina District Rally**. Florence, SC
- May 10th **Chapter T's Spring Fling Fun Day**
- May 17th **Chapter R's Picnic** Proctor Landing, Acworth, GA
- June 12th-14th **Georgia District Wing Fling**. Dil-
lard, GA
- July 2nd-5th **Wing Ding** Madison , WI
- September 11th-13th **Region "A" Rally**. Eufaula, AL.
- October 16th - 18th **Mississippi District Rally**
Gulfport, MS

Carl Deaver 4/28
Gary Lewis 4/26
Christine Posner 4/10
Stu Posner 4/14



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

None in April



Erin Cohen (Sid & Donna's Daughter-in-Law)

Ralph Stewart (Recovering from surgery)

GEORGIA DISTRICT TEAM

Tommy & Vicky Martin- Directors
Sid & Donna Cohen- Assistant Directors
Jim & Kay Elrod- Assistant Directors
Traci Thrasher- Treasurer
Roy & Julie Degler District Educators
Vance & Fern Oaks - 2014 Couple of the Year

Ken Thrasher- Newsletter Editor
Dick & Peg Hopkins- Membership Enhancement
Coordinators
Jim & Dee Allen - District Leadership Trainers
Sherrel & Kay Davis- Webmaster
Jim & Dee Allen - Leadership Trainers



Region "A" Directors
Jim & Sue Jackson

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April 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 Alabama	4 District	5 Rally
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 Chapter T Gathering	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 Plaque Attack
27	28	29	30			

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GWRRA, Region A, Chapter 'T', Athens, Georgia.

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