



# Florida District

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Southeast - Region A

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May 2011

## Your Design Here



Once again, the Florida District is having a flyer/shirt design contest. Entries should be based on a Pirate theme.

Submit entries no later than May 15th to [bgberry93@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:bgberry93@tampabay.rr.com).

The winner will receive 2 Registrations and 2 Convention shirts.

### May District Events

May 14 FL1-F2 (Ocala) Poker Run  
May 21 & 22 Horizon Program

### May Monthly Visitation Bonus Points

FL1-D (Pensacola)  
FL1-K (Palm Coast)  
FL1-M (Clearwater)  
FL2-D (Melbourne)

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Bob & Nan Shrader

District Director  
Bill & Gina Berry

Assistant District Directors  
Cliff Hotchkiss

Assistant District Directors  
Bill & Cheryl Smith

Assistant District Directors  
Motorist Awareness  
Nate & Danelle Kinion

Assistant District Directors  
Membership Enhancement  
Bruce Griffing & Mary Haight

Assistant District Directors  
Chapter of the Year Coordinator  
Harry & Lynn Anderson

Assistant District Directors  
Chapter Newsletter Judges  
Joe & Jan Mazza

Assistant District Directors  
Geno & Kathie Jette

District Leadership Trainers  
2011 District Couple of the Year  
Rick & Madalena Buck

District Treasurer  
Jim & Rebecca Iverson

District Rider Educator  
Don & Judy Danbury

Assistant District Rider Educator  
Rick & Pam Northrup

Rider Ed Assistant Administrator  
Mike & Bobbie Roy

District Webmaster  
Howie Taylor



The Chapter and District Rally/Convention season is in full swing and we have seen many of you out having FUN! We attended FL1-W's Green Eggs and Ham and FL1-B's Road Rally this past month and enjoyed both greatly. We are planning to attend South Carolina's yearly event at the end of April, first of May. Hope to see some of you there. May also gives the opportunity to visit FL1-F2, Horse Country Cruisers, for their Poker Run on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Ocala always puts on a great event, so be sure to support them. On May 21st is Armed Forces Day Ride to Shrimps 'R Us in Welaka. That same weekend the District will be offering a Horizon Program - a great opportunity to learn more about GWRRA, Chapter Life, and how to put it all together to have FUN!

We plan to announce the Sponsor for the 2012 Rider Education Motorcycle Raffle early in May. If you are still showing the old ads, please remove them and we will get you the new information soon. Once the Sponsor is announced, we will have the tickets printed and then distribute them to you. With the new look of the 1800, the coming year promises to be exciting as we promote ticket sales for the raffle. Who will be the next lucky winner of the Gold Wing? Florida Rider Education continues to be the best in the Nation due to the proceeds received from this raffle. What Florida is able to do in providing free ERC's, TRC's, and Medic First Aid is second to none and we are proud to have such an excellent Rider Education Program in Florida. We would encourage every Member to buy at least one book of tickets for themselves or to give away as a gift! Let's all do our part to keep Rider Education in Florida free and the best in the Nation!

Most of you are aware that Motorist Awareness is part of our Rider Education Program, but it does not get the "promotion" some of the other programs receive. You've heard it said, "Motorcyclists are dying to be seen". "It is time to take an active role in helping educate other highway users that motorcycles and trikes share the road with them every day." "Ride Aware!" is GWRRA's campaign to achieve this end. This year our goal is to increase MAD's visibility within the Florida District. We feel promoting MA to the general public is key to making our riding experience safer. Our goal is to provide additional tools to the Chapters so they can promote GWRRA and Motorist Awareness at "Bike Nights", "Kick Ties", "First Fridays", community groups, clubs, and even schools in your local towns. We encourage the Chapter Directors, if possible, to find someone in their Chapter to become the Motorist Awareness Coordinator. Please understand we do realize it is difficult sometimes to get a volunteer for almost any position. We know. We were once CD's ourselves. The MAC person does not have the same requirements as the Officers of the Chapter, however their role can be tremendous in helping to educate the public wherever people gather about "Ride Aware!"...motorcyclists are out there, sharing the road! Having a MAC would allow us to have a specific contact for your Chapter. Any questions or comments concerning this are welcomed.

With summer approaching we know that many of our northern folks have gone or are leaving in early May. We hope that you have safe travels and a FUN summer. We'll see you when you get back! For those of us lucky enough to live here year round, we know the heat is coming. This can be good or not so good depending on your point of view. We love the heat. We love the opportunity to be able to ride our motorcycle pretty much all year long. The warmer climate means more hydration breaks along the way, wearing proper riding gear to protect our skin...and more FUN opportunities to ride with friends! Many will be traveling on vacations beyond Florida. Hopefully, we will see you at Wing Ding or wherever! Let's Ride and by all means...let's have FUN!!

Bill & Gina Berry

**Florida's # 1 Rule**  
**Have FUN!**



Bill & Gina Berry with Mike & Lori Stiger (Director of GWRRA) at the Alabama District Convention

May 2011

# Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month

Ten Things All Car & Truck Drivers Should Know About Motorcycles  
From the Motorcycle Safety Foundation

1. Over half of all fatal motorcycle crashes involve another vehicle. Most of the time, the motorist, not the motorcyclist, is at fault. There are a lot more cars and trucks than motorcycles on the road, and some drivers don't "recognize" a motorcycle - they ignore it (usually unintentionally).
2. Because of its small size, a motorcycle can be easily hidden in a car's blind spot (door/roof pillars) or masked by objects or backgrounds outside a car (bushes, fences, bridges, etc.). Take an extra moment to look for motorcycles, whether you're changing lanes or turning at intersections.
3. Because of its small size, a motorcycle may look farther away than it is. It may also be difficult to judge a motorcycle's speed. When checking traffic to turn at an intersection or into (or out of) a driveway, predict a motorcycle is closer than it looks.
4. Motorcyclists often slow by downshifting or merely rolling off the throttle, thus not activating the brake light. Allow more following distance, say 3 or 4 seconds. At intersections, predict a motorcyclist may slow down without visual warning.
5. Motorcyclists often adjust position within a lane to be seen more easily and to minimize the effects of road debris, passing vehicles, and wind. Understand that motorcyclists adjust lane position for a purpose, not to be reckless or show off or to allow you to share the lane with them.
6. Turn signals on a motorcycle usually are not self-cancelling, thus some riders (especially beginners) sometimes forget to turn them off after a turn or lane change. Make sure a motorcycle's signal is for real.
7. Maneuverability is one of the motorcycle's better characteristics, especially at slower speeds and with good road conditions, but don't expect a motorcyclist to dodge out of the way.
8. Stopping distance for motorcycles is nearly the same as for cars, but slippery pavement makes stopping quickly difficult. Allow more following distance behind a motorcycle because it can't always stop "on a dime."
9. When a motorcycle is in motion, see more than the motorcycle - see the person under the helmet, who could be your friend, neighbor or relative.
10. If a driver crashes into a motorcyclist, bicyclist, or pedestrian and causes serious injury, the driver would likely never forgive himself/herself.

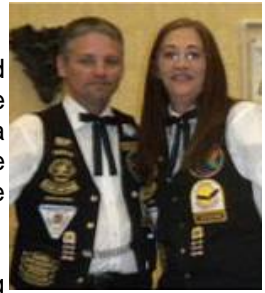


For more information go to:

<http://www.gwrra.org/regional/MAD/index.html>

## Leadership Training and the Chapter of the Year Program

The Chapter of the Year Program is FUN for any Chapter to get involved with. First and foremost, a Chapter has the opportunity to demonstrate to everyone how much FUN they are having. Secondly, it provides a Chapter the opportunity to work as a Team towards a common goal. One of the areas within the Chapter of the Year Program relates to the Leadership Training Program. For 2011, there has been additions and changes to the program that need to be highlighted.



The first Leadership Training scoring area relates to Chapter Team Members completing the Officer Certification Program (OCP). The Team Members that are eligible to receive a point for attending an OCP are: Assistant Chapter Director, Ride Educator, Treasurer, Membership Enhancement Coordinator and Chapter of the Year Coordinator. If a Chapter has more than one Assistant Chapter Director, each can receive a point for attending up to a maximum of two.

There is a far greater benefit besides receiving Chapter of the Year points for Team Members completing the OCP. The benefit comes from having a Chapter Team that received valuable training and now has a better understanding of the Association and how it operates. In the long run this should lead to a more cohesive Team.

The next scoring possibility relates specifically to eight areas of Leadership Training that a CD or ACD can receive one point for. The CD or ACD has to complete **all** the seminars in the area to receive a point. The first six areas are: Member Orientation, Life Skills, Chapter Life, Chapter Leadership, Intermediate Leadership and Advanced Leadership Skills. Documenting completion should be done on the Leadership Training Personal Training Record. A copy of the Personal Training Record must be submitted with the Chapter of the Year package.

The last two areas a CD or ACD can receive points for are, completing the Instructor Development Certification Program (IDCP) and Horizon Program. A CD or ACD will receive 1 point for each program completed. The IDCP is a process for GWRRA Members (in this case a CD or ACD) to certify to become a Leadership Training Instructor. To become a Certified Instructor, the CD or ACD is required to attend a one-day training class. Upon completion of the class, the individual is required to present one seminar while being evaluated by the District Trainer to complete the certification. The Horizon Program teaches the basic concepts of how Chapter Officers function, basic skills for any member who is involved in a local Chapter. A CD or ACD will receive a completion certificate which must be submitted with the Chapter of the Year package.

The last area a Chapter can receive points is, 10% of a Chapter completes any of the 47 Leadership Training seminars or Horizon Program. For a Chapter to take credit for the seminars or Horizon Program they must be completed during calendar year 2011. A Chapter is required to submit Attendance Rosters or certificate(s) with the Chapter of the Year package.

Now that you know the Leadership Training Program requirements for Chapter of the Year, you may be wondering how to get any of the training? Your best avenue is to contact us! We have a list (also posted on the District website) of what is currently scheduled in Florida. As of this newsletter, there is a Horizon Program scheduled for May 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> and an Instructor Development Certification Program June 11<sup>th</sup>. August 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> there will be an Officer Certification Program and October 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> there will be a Horizon Program.

As for any of the other seminars within the Leadership Training Program, we currently do not have any scheduled. This is where you, the Chapters, have a say so when training might be scheduled. We are fortunate here in Florida to have outstanding Leadership Training Instructors around the state. They are willing to volunteer their time to provide training in your local area. To setup training in your area, all you need to do is get in touch with us and we will get the ball rolling.

Leadership Training is only one section of the Chapter of the Year Program! We believe training is important not just for points towards the Chapter of the Year Program, but it is a way of educating Chapter Participants about GWRRA. Any other questions about the Chapter of the Year Program contact Harry & Lynn Anderson.

Until Next Month, Be Safe Out There!

Rick & Madalena Buck  
Florida District Leadership Trainer

Hello everyone,

We hope you have had a great month and are looking forward to the upcoming holiday.

We had a great District Convention and have finished our financials for the month of March and the report has been given to our District Director. Keeping up with the financials monthly and giving the report monthly gives the Director a good handle on the financial status of the District.



The Chapter Treasurer's position should not be an overwhelming position or take hours monthly. That is why we are encouraging everyone to complete monthly reports. The report should only take a few minutes. If you balance your reports monthly the figures will be fresh in your mind and finding an error will be that much easier. Plus your Chapter Director might just love to see a quick blip of how the Chapter is doing.

Each year at the Chapter Conference, Chapter yearly Financial Reports should be turned in completed. Last year some of the problems that arose were; Chapters not turning in paperwork, original signatures were not on the correct pages, missing pages and figures that did not balance. These errors caused our District to be the last to turn in our reports. We would like to avoid that happening this coming year if possible. There will always be exceptions, a broken arm, yep that happened. If you would email us copies of your paperwork prior to the conference we would be able to go over it and double check it for accuracies including anything new that may be required that comes up all of a sudden. Sometimes International gives us surprises and throws in an extra page requirement or two. This way we can make sure everyone has what is needed to turn in complete reports at the conference. If you do not have anyone attending, just email or mail us the reports in advance.

Remember we are here for you and should you have a question regarding your Chapter Financials or where income or expenses should go, please give us a call.

We hope each Chapter has chosen or is on the way to choosing a new Couple of the Year for their Chapter. Remember this is an honor that you award to a couple who help, participate and encourage your Members. Congratulations again to all the new Chapter Couple of the Years! Remember, you have been honored by your Chapter and should revel in it. Smile, laugh and totally enjoy yourselves.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

Jim & Rebecca Iverson  
District Treasurer / District Couple of the Year Coordinators

April has come and gone and summer will be here soon. Get out there and ride before the summer heats up.

We forgot to mention last month that congratulations go to FL1-O (DeFuniak Springs) for winning the Hot Potato #2. They took it to more Chapters in the past year than any other Chapter. Hot Potato #2 has been retired for 2011.

On April 3<sup>rd</sup>, we attended the FL1-E2 (Ft. Walton Beach) ADA Poker Run. There were 103 participants which was up from last year. They had games, 50/50 and an auction. In all, almost \$4,000 was raised for the American Diabetes Association. The weather was beautiful for the 128 mile ride. A Motorist Awareness table was set up by Bruce Brooks, Motorist Awareness Coordinator/ACD for FL1-E2 where fliers, coozies and magnets, along with other things were given out. We took the opportunity to talk about Motorist Awareness to many of the Participants and raised \$17.00.



On April 9<sup>th</sup>, we attended the AL-G (Samson, AL) FUN Day in Kinston, AL. They had a great barbecue lunch and entertainment by Jim Hubbard. There were Chapter and District Challenges, games, 50/25/25 and Grand Prizes. It was a beautiful, but hot day, and FUN was had by all.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the Georgia Convention in Duluth on Father's Day weekend, June 16-18 and Wing Ding in Knoxville, TN July 5-9.

Ride safe!

Nate & Danielle Kinion  
Assistant District Director, Panhandle / District Motorist Awareness Coordinator

## Stepping Up

One of the statements I have heard often since “Gracie” and I have been GWRRA Members is, in many Chapters, only about 5 - 10% of the Participants are willing and/or interested in stepping up to assume some type of leadership role. This probably holds true in many organizations, but when we are talking about GWRRA Chapters it can present such a problem that, as we have recently seen with one of our Panhandle Chapters.



If the Chapter Director of a particular Chapter decides to step down and have given ample notice, it behooves the Assistant Chapter Director to step up. What we have seen recently is that either politics or sheer lack of interest, are causing Chapters to be placed in the precarious position of no longer existing. The Assistant Chapter Director position is of utmost importance if a Chapter is to survive as it acts as a training ground for future Chapter Directors.

A situation exists now in one of our Chapters that finds itself in such a conundrum. If by January 1<sup>st</sup> of 2012 when the Chapter Director steps down, no one shows an interest in moving up to take the position, this Chapter will close its doors and no longer exist. I am writing this as a wake-up call to any Chapter Directors who find that they are presently without a back-up should they choose to step down. Training a replacement is an integral and important aspect in keeping our Chapters viable.

On a happier note, Rich Heckler Chapter Director for FL1-D2 (New Port Richey), is well on his way to recovery. Rich had a terrible motorcycle accident that totaled his bike and severely injured him some months back. During the first few months of his recovery, Rich suffered a great deal of pain. He still suffers with only partial use of one of his hands but with a positive prognosis for the future, Rich is back leading his Chapter as Director. Rich is one tough dude!

Finally, we would like to once again wish John Darbyson, FL1-T (Inverness), a Happy 85<sup>th</sup> Birthday. We along with many of his friends celebrated the birthday boy with a party on the 16<sup>th</sup> of April. John is a WWII Veteran who at one time worked for NASA. Much of his precision welding work traveled into space with our astronauts. Happy Birthday buddy...and many more!

Ride Safe, Have Fun

Joe & Gracie Mazza  
Assistant District Director, West Central

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Well, the first quarter has ended and the Visitation forms are in. Thank you to all Chapters who submitted their forms on time. Here are the top five Chapters through the first 3 months:

1. FL2-G (Ft Myers) (2,070)
2. FL1-R (Dunnellon) (1,515)
3. FL2-A (West Palm Beach) (1,385)
4. FL1-A (Tampa) (1,340)
5. FL1-K (Palm Coast) (1,190)
5. FL2-D (Melbourne) (1,190)



Don't forget that your forms are due for the second quarter by July 10<sup>th</sup>.

The Chapter event schedule is in full swing now and there have been some good ones. I had the pleasure of attending the Green Eggs & Ham event put on by FL1-W (Apopka) recently. What a fine time we had. Good food, lots of laughs and wonderful prizes. Thanks to James, Patti and their Team for putting on such a wonderful event.

Don't forget that summer weather is knocking on the door (or maybe kicking it in), so be sure to drink lots of water on those long rides. Staying hydrated is critical to having a good time.

Cliff Hotchkiss  
Assistant District Director, Central

We had a wonderful time at the Alabama District Convention! That was our first time there and we said we would definitely go back. Cheryl won 2 of the Couple of the Year baskets filled with great prizes. We made it up to Apopka for FL1-W's Green Eggs and Ham and as usual had a FUN time. Cheryl, who is also CD for FL2-A, gave away the Region A Wanderer the next day to FL2-G, Ft. Myers. FL2-E, Miami, although not eligible, came in support and to go to the Palm Beach County Sweet Corn Fiesta with us. Again, a FUN time was had by all! That's what happens when our GWRRA friends get together. Florida's number one Rule - FUN!



Back to our story...

In the morning we exited our tent and there were 3 Elk in our campsite area. WOW! We continued to Mt. Rainier and drove to the top. This is an amazing site and the Visitor Center has special parking just for motorcycles. While sitting around the campfire back at camp, 3 Elk walked right in front of us! The next morning there were 4 Elk outside the Bunkhouse. You have to remember, this is a private campground in town! Today we went to Mt. St. Helens. The road up the East side was one of the roughest ones we had driven. This volcano blew on May 18, 1980 and the road and terrain is still a mess. The Visitor Center is on the west side of the mountain but no road goes thru any more. The east side is the side closest to the eruption side and next to Spirit Lake. Harry Truman, the 83 year old owner of the lodge there, refused to leave and was killed in the explosion. The next morning there were 6 Elk in the camp with us.

We left for the Oregon Coast and saw some great rock formations in the Pacific Ocean and rugged coast line heading down US-101. We camped in a State Park along the coast that night. The next day we went to Tillamook and took a short tour of the cheese factory. They use 1.1 million gallons of milk per day there! We continued down the coast and stayed at another State Park. The State Parks in Oregon are very nice and well kept. The next day we went to Crater Lake National Park. We entered the North Entrance and rode thru a Pumice Desert that is 50 feet thick! It was made when Mt. Mazama erupted and that was when the crater for Crater Lake was formed 7,700 years ago. The first time you see Crater Lake it is magnificent! It is the bluest water I have ever seen. Even though this is the beginning of August, there is still snow on the ground! We set up camp in the park at Mt. Mazama Village and Campground. Our site was next to a canyon with a stream at the bottom that we could hear at night. The night sky is filled with stars and the temperatures are cool. Something to keep in mind is that there is no cellular service there. We stayed 4 nights there with some great rides in the area. More next month!

At the end of this month we are going to attend the South Carolina District Convention. We hope to see some of you there,

Bill & Cheryl Smith  
Assistant District Director, Southeast

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### Greetings from the Northeast

The season of spring is upon us and all of nature is alive and blooming. It is magic to see the trees fill with green leaves after being bare for the winter.

On April 9<sup>th</sup>, the Third Annual Northeast Florida Ride for Kids raised over \$16,000 for research. Congratulations to Lacy Hayes, FL1-V (Jacksonville Beach) who won a Honda motorcycle.

There are lots of great events coming up. The Ocala Poker Run on May 14<sup>th</sup> is one of the best. The ride is worth the trip, the food is great and friends always turn out in good numbers and best of all it is air-conditioned!

Then there is the Shrimps R Us event in Welaka on Armed Forces Day, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011. If you haven't been since New Years Day you will see a few improvements, and the food is always awesome. Please be there for lunch.

It is definitely time to make plans for the Memorial Day weekend 28-30 May 2011.

Hope to see you sooner than later.

Geno & Kathie Jette  
Assistant District Director, Northeast



April showers will bring May flowers and along with it comes the warmer and even hotter riding weather. Now is the time to start thinking about carrying some cool riding gear. If you want to ride cooler, consider putting a cool wrap around your neck. This helps to keep your carotid arteries cool, thus sending a message to your brain that you are cool. It then tells your body that you are cool, and believe it or not, it works.



You can also wear a cool vest that you soak in water for a few minutes then put it on. The best cool vest that I've seen is one that has a lot of pockets on it that you stick frozen liquid paraffin packs, giving you three to four hours of cool riding. You can then soak it in cold water for fifteen minutes, and you're good to go for another two to three hours.

What I find that works real well is to take a denim shirt (or sweatshirt) and soak it in cold water wring it lightly and put it on. This will provide you two hours of comfortable riding. The best thing about this is, I know that you already have one of these, so you have no out of pocket expenses. Don't forget that this applies not only to the Riders but the Co-Riders.

During times of warmer weather conditions, your body will lose about a pint of water an hour. Maintaining your body's hydration is essential to having a FUN time. You need to carry some water with you so that you can drink it as you ride. Judy and I will drink a bottle at each stop, and we always stop every hundred miles to walk around and drink water. If you're not going to the potty when you take a comfort stop, you are starting to dehydrate and need water in your system.

Now is the ideal time to start watching your friends and co-rider for those tell tale signs of dehydration. Things like having a dry sticky mouth, loss of elasticity in the skin, headache, dizziness, stop sweating, have a rapid heart beat or become delirious to name just a few. You can help avoid dehydration by staying away from sodas, tea, coffee, and all other caffeine type drinks. This is when you really want to be a Team (Rider/Co-rider), where everyone watches each other for these symptoms or problems.

So ride cool and safe out there. Till next we meet, keep the shiny side up and the rubber on the road.

Don & Judy Danbury  
Senior Florida District Rider Educator  
Senior Master Tour Riders



## The Goal!

In our first article as the District's Couple of the Year, one of the things we talked about was setting a goal for the upcoming year. Our goal, in its simplest form, is to educate GWRRA Members about the Couple of the Year Program. To meet this goal, we will talk with people, use the District Newsletter, and Chapter Visitations. Each month in the District Newsletter, we intend to cover an area of the Couple of the Year Program. When we visit your Chapter Gatherings, we ask for a couple of minutes to talk about the program. As many of you already know, we like talking with people. We figure there will also be plenty of opportunities to talk with people one-on-one or in a small group.



Over the last several years, we have heard a lot of different things about the Couple of the Year Program. Some of what we have listened to has been correct information, while other information was incorrect. Some information has been about things that have happened in the past that are not true today. How do we know this? We have taken the time to learn about the program. The first thing we did was read the Couple of the Year Manual. We have also talked to a lot of Couples of the Year and Couple of the Year Coordinators to fill in the blanks. So we need to start at the beginning. Here are a few facts about the Couple of the Year Program:

### Fact

The Couple of the Year Program was instituted in 1988 as a successor to the nine-year tradition of selecting a Wing Ding Queen to serve as ambassador for GWRRA. The Couple of the Year Program began as a way to honor couples at the Chapter level, and to select enthusiastic duos to serve as ambassadors and spokespersons for GWRRA. The program over the years has evolved into a useful tool for identifying and helping prepare couples for leadership positions within the organization.

### Fact

The Couple of the Year Program has two purposes:

- First and foremost, the program provides an opportunity for Chapters to recognize and honor a couple each year for their dedication, accomplishments and participation within the Chapter.
- Secondly, it establishes a process for identifying outstanding couples who can serve their Districts, Regions, and ultimately the International GWRRA organization as ambassadors and spokespersons.

### Fact

An Honor or a Responsibility?

- At the Chapter level, being selected a Chapter Couple of the Year is an honor bestowed on a deserving couple who has shown dedication and commitment to their Chapter. Being selected as Chapter Couple of the Year is just like being presented an award.
- The responsibility comes if and when a couple chooses to participate in the District Couple of the Year selection process. Being selected as District, Region or International Couple of the Year brings with it the expectation that the Couple will represent the association as Ambassadors and spokespersons, with particular emphasis on "spreading-the-word" outside the association. Additionally, when a couple participates in the selection process at the District level, they make a commitment, should they be selected there, to participate at the Region level, and then, if chosen again, at Wing Ding for the International selection. The Couple must realize that if chosen at the District level this could lead to a four-year commitment.

The last fact is where we find most people have some confusion or misconceptions. There are really two parts to the Couple of the Year Program. First part is for a Chapter to have a process to honor a couple each year. Second part is the process if a couple decides to move forward in the Couple of the Year Program beyond the Chapter. Next month our focus will center on the Couple of the Year at the Chapter level.

Until Next Month, Be Safe Out There!

Rick & Madalena Buck  
2011 District Couple of the Year

## From the Region A Couple of the Year Coordinators

Lyn & I would like to have our next 5 Couple of the Year newsletters included in all the District newsletters and as many Chapter newsletters as possible.

We will be introducing each District Couple of The Year from Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Florida and South Carolina each month until the Region Rally/Convention in Eufaula AL, where the Region Couple of The Year selection will take place.

This will give everyone an opportunity to learn about the other couples that will be in the selection with their own District Couple. Our hope is that it will inspire all the Chapters to select a couple and support them as they go through the District, Region, and hopefully International Selection Process.

The article each District Couple writes is entitled "In Their Own Words" so this months article is from Woody & Debbie Jones, Mississippi District Couple of The Year for 2011

### In Their Own Words

Woody was born in Laurel, MS in 1950 and moved to Meridian, MS at the age of five. Woody played football in high school and attended one year of junior college before he was called to enlist in the Air National Guard. Woody was in the Food Industry for over 35 years as Operations Supervisor before retiring. Woody loves to hunt, fish, play golf and of course he loves to ride his Goldwing! I was born in 1952 in Meridian, MS. After graduating I attended Nursing School and have been nursing for 37 years. I love country music (I love to line dance), to play bunko and yes I love to ride our Goldwing! Woody and I met on a blind date and have been married for 38 years, have one son and a beautiful daughter-in-law. We joined GWRRA in 2007 and what an awesome ride it has been. We have seen a lot of places, met and made many new friends (our extended FAMILY). We started off being the ride/plaque coordinators, then Assistant Chapter Directors and we are the present Chapter Directors of MS-F in Jackson, MS. We have attended Officer Certification Program, Horizons Leadership Training Programs/certified instructors, CPR classes, were the 2010 Chapter Couple of the Year, and are the 2010-2011 MS District Couple of the Year and on the MS District Team as the Motorists Awareness. We are looking forward in continuing to ride with our GWRRA FAMILY for many, many years to come and enjoying the camaraderie within the organization. "Get ER Done!"

Woody & Debbie Jones  
MS District Couple of the Year 2011

Hope to see every one soon  
Lynn & Lyn Edwards  
Region A Couple of The Year Co-Coordinators



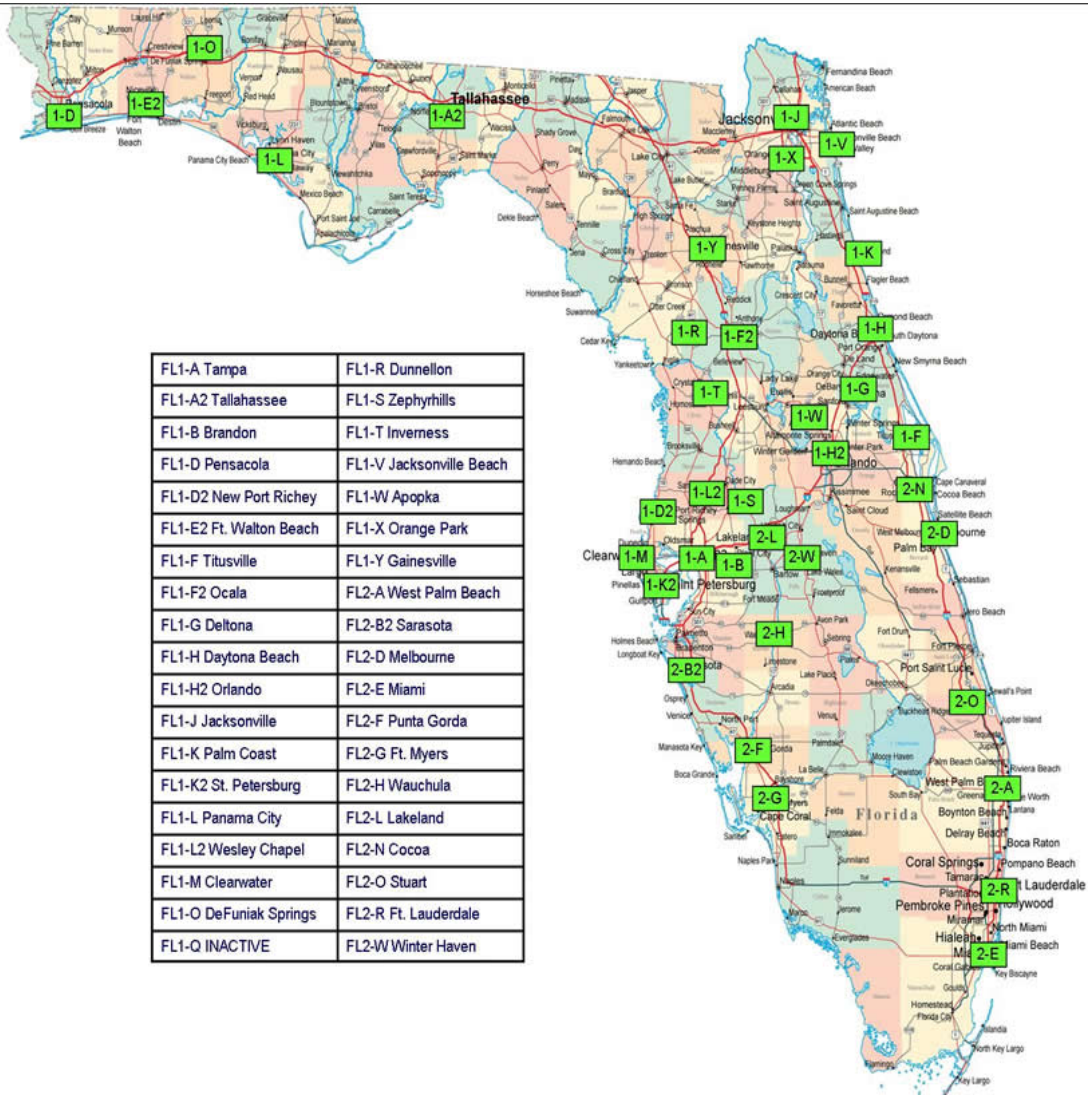
## Southeast Region "A" Convention/Rally September 15-17 2011

*REGION "A" - THE LAST DAYS OF SUMMER 2011  
WEAR YOUR UNIQUE DISTRICT RALLY THEME APPAREL*



LAKEPOINT  
Resort Lodge &  
Convention Center  
US - 431 North  
Eufaula, AL 36072

**GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS  
ASSOCIATION**



### 2011 Florida GWRRRA Events

May 14	FL1-F2 Chapter Rally	Ocala
May 21-22	Horizon Program	Seffner
May 21	Armed Forces Day Ride to Shrimps 'R Us	Welaka
Jun 11	Instructor Development Certification Program	Seffner
Jun 16-18	Georgia District Wing Fling	Duluth, GA
Jul 6-9	Wing Ding 33	Knoxville, TN
Aug 21-22	Officer Certification Program	TBD
Sep 15-17	Region "A" Rally/Convention	Eufaula, AL
Oct 8	FL1-A Poker Run	Tampa
Oct 13-15	Mississippi District Rally/Convention	Tupelo, MS
Oct 22-23	Horizon Program	TBD
Oct 29	FL1-D Green Frog Getaway	Bear Lake
Nov 12	Multi-Chapter Lunch	Clewiston