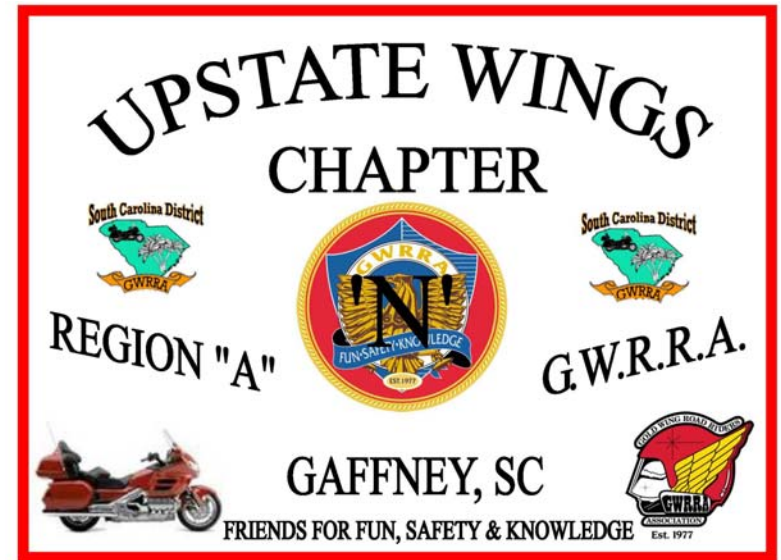


Upstate Wings

SEPTEMBER

2011



GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION

**REGULAR CHAPTER GATHERING
SCHEDULED**

THE 2nd SATURDAY OF THE MONTH

EAT @ 6:00 PM

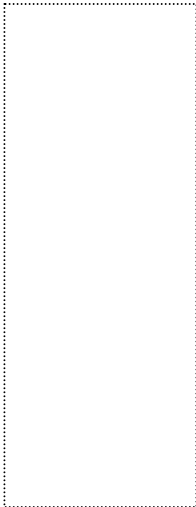
MEET @ 7:00 PM

LOCATION: COLONIAL FISH CAMP

1607 Cherokee Ave., Gaffney, SC, 29340

www.chapternsc.com – CHAPTER WEBSITE

**Chapter "N" Directors
Don & Susie Stewart
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Gaffney, SC. 29340**



GWRRA

Friends For Fun, Safety and Knowledge

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Ride Coordinator	Vacant	
Treasurer	Mildred MaHaffey	864-487-5580
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Membership Enhancement		

CHAPTER DIRECTOR'S CORNER

It is hard to believe that we are now $\frac{3}{4}$ through the year of 2011. August is now behind us, we had a great ride to Ride 4 Kids, and unfortunately we only had 4 Riders who made this ride. This activity is in support of one of our charities, I hope that next year we can have more participation from our chapter. I know that economics have had a large roll in the activities that we all enjoy and charities that we would like to support.

With September almost over at this time we are rapidly heading into the fall season and good riding weather. October offers several good opportunities to ride, review the Calendar of events below for upcoming rides such as Bikers with Boxes, SC District Picnic, Biker Sunday and maybe we can sneak in a weekend to the mountains to see the changing scenery.

Our second Charity is holding their annual fundraiser dinner Thursday November 10, 2011, I have several signed up at this point, I have Seven people signed up at this time for a table of 8, if we have enough interest I can manage two tables but we would need your answer by October 8, 2011 to secure a seat. Please let me for I must submit our table (s) by the 13th. Thank you for those who have signed up and those who are considering this event. The guest speaker will be Carol Kent Author of "When I Lay My Isaac Down". I have heard Carol speak in the past and this should be a great evening.

Please continue to consider a Staff position within the Chapter, as a reminder, I will be stepping down as Chapter Director, Newsletter, Goodie Store... at the end of the year and I would like to work with an individual before that time occurs so we may continue our forward momentum and Chapter development.

Have Fun; stay safe, we look forward to see you all at our next gathering.

Until we meet again.

Ride Safe and have fun. Don & Susie Stewart

MARK YOUR CALANDAR
SEE BELOW FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS ON SCHEDULED EVENTS

Oct. 1, 2011 BIKERS w/ BOXES Billy Graham Library 9:30 – 5:00
 Oct 8, 2011 SC District Picnic
 Oct. 9, 2011..... BIKER SUNDAY Charlotte NC. 9:00am Registration Lunch Provided
 Oct. 13-15, 2011..... Mississippi Convention Tupelo MS

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Description

Price Each

Cotton Face Mask	\$ 5.95
American Flag	\$ 8.95
Region 'A' Patches	\$ 6.00
Chapter Patches	\$ 6.00
4" Chapter Patches	\$ 4.50
SC patches	\$ 5.50
Eagle Patches	\$ 7.50
Large Helmet Stickers	\$ 1.00
Small Helmet Stickers	\$.50
Association Pins	\$ 4.50
Chapter N Bars	\$ 2.50
Vest Chain	\$ 12.50
Chapter Bar Pins	\$ 5.00
Chapter 'N' Hats	\$ 10.00
10" Black & Gold Patch "Round"	\$ 14.00
2" Black & Gold Patch "Helmet"	\$ 4.00

GWRRRA PRODUCT INVENTORY

If you are interested in any of the merchandise, please contact Don Stewart.

Reminder Project Gold Door Prize Providers

October 2011 – Larry & Candie Williams
 November 2011 – Roger & Mildred Mahaffey



GOOFY AWARD:

SC District Staff

District Director
Charles & Kathy Coleman
 864-423-5999 (cell)

District Educator
 Jesse & Sue Sammons

District Trainer
 Larry & Mary Rosselot

Couple of the Year
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Assistant Directors
 Buddy & Kim Summer

District Treasurer
 John & Janet Crabtree

District Ambassadors
 Faye Hood & Steve Smith

District Webmaster
 Dennis & Sue Defendi

Assistant Directors
 Joe & Nadine Cooper

SC Goodie Shoppe
 Doug & Faye Skipper

Membership Enhancement
 Dale & Charlie West

District Public Relations
 Larry & Sandra Kelly

SUNSHINE REPORT: Loretta Kobylski

BIRTHDAYS:

James Failen Sept 9
Fuzz Currence Sept 14

ANNIVERSARY:

Larry and Candie Williams Sept. 6
Tim and Debbie Deason Sept. 12

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

ACTIVITIES / RIDES CALENDAR of EVENTS

** OCTOBER 1, 2011

Bikers with Boxes: Location Billy Graham Library – Charlotte, NC.

9:30 am – 5:00 pm It is best to arrive in the morning, this will allow you to take a tour of the Library and enjoy a nice lunch before departing. This is a wonderful event that targets children who may not receive anything all year and allow an expression of Love that someone cares about them.

Please prepare a Shoebox

GIFT IDEAS

TOYS

small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoo's, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, small Etch A Sketch®, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), Slinky®, etc.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

pens, pencils and sharpener, crayons or markers, stamps and ink pad sets, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.

HYGIENE ITEMS

toothbrush, toothpaste, mild bar soap (in a plastic bag), comb, washcloth, etc.

OTHER

Hard candy and lollipops (please double bag all candy), mints, gum, T-shirts, socks, ball caps; sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries)

A PERSONAL NOTE

In a separate envelope, you may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself or your family. (If you include your name and address, the child may write back.)

DO NOT INCLUDE:

Used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; chocolate or food; out-of-date candy; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snowglobes or glass containers; aerosol cans

OCTOBER 8, 2011 SC DISTRICT

Little Mountain Reunion Park 11:00am – 3:00pm EAT @ 12:00 Approximate Travel Time Approximately 90 Minutes and 90 miles. We will depart from Gaffney @ 8:45am and pick up riders in Spartanburg at 9:05am before departing to Little Mountain. We will plan for one stop around Newberry as a rest Stop before traveling the final 20 miles in for arrival approximately 10:45am.

SPECIAL NOTE: Be sure to bring your current GWRRA Membership Card, this is your meal ticket. No current GWRRA members are welcome but there will be a \$10.00 charge per non-member.

OCTOBER 8, 2011

**CHAPTER 'N' GATHERING 6:00 EAT, 7:00 MEET
COLONIAL FISH CAMP**

OCTOBER 9, 2011

Biker Sunday Charlotte, NC. 6031 Tuckaseegee Rd. Free Event. Registration opens @ 9:30am, Service @ 10:30am followed by a Lunch @ 12:00

****** SPECIAL NOTE ******

There are Church groups taking up donations of clothing and household supplies, food and water to be sent to Joplin MO. If you have anything or would like to donate please contact Don Stewart so he can make arrangements with Jim McClanahan for delivery.

TO ALL OF OUR CHAPTER TRAVELERS.

WHEN TRAVELING, PLEASE COLLECT YOUR UNUSED SHAMPOO, SOAPS AND LOTION FROM YOUR HOTEL ROOM, A SUGGESTION WAS MADE THAT WE COULD THAT WE COULD USE THESE ITEMS FOR CARE PACKAGES FOR THE SENIOR CENTER HERE IN GAFFNEY AT CHRISTMAS TIME. WE WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED AS TO OTHER ITEMS THAT WOULD ALSO BE HELPFUL AND USEFUL BETWEEN NOW AND CHROSTMAS TIME.

SHOULD YOU HAVE ANY ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS OR SUGGESTIONS, PLEASE BRING THEM UP AT OUR NEXT GATHERING OR CALL ME DIRECTLY AT YOUR CONVENIENCE.

DON

Limits

by Jackie Vaughan

Everything in life has limits. When we were young, we had bedtimes that were far too early, especially on a summer night, or when something good was on TV. As we got older, curfews and the frustrations of limited spending money chafed us. We were pretty much controlled by how often and how long we could borrow the car. Still, we stretched and broke the limits with only minor repercussions.

As riders we have limits, too, and these, unlike legal limits such as speed and right-of-way, can only be stretched so far before the consequences become very dire indeed. These limits are our personal limits, the limits of our machines, and the limits of our environment. To ride safely, we must know these limits and ride within them. This would be a fairly easy task if the limits were fixed and separate. However, they are each highly variable and intertwined so that one can affect the others.

Personal limits change constantly. There are the slow, but perceptible signs of aging when we finally don glasses that eventually give way to bifocals and when hearing dims. As we reach the over-the-hill age of 40, night vision begins to lessen. With any luck, skill and experience provide compensation.

Not even the young among us are immune to personal limits. We are all susceptible. These limits can be imposed by physical conditions such as fatigue or emotion or by medications, both over-the-counter and prescription. New prescriptions can have unexpected side effects, and drug interactions can produce terrifying reactions. Medications should be carefully discussed with doctor and pharmacist before we ride. Getting all prescriptions filled at the same pharmacy lessens the chance of a conflict or overdose not being spotted. Recreational drugs create dangers that should be obvious.

Over-the-counter drugs frequently pose problems. Almost every label on allergy medications carries the warning, "May cause drowsiness. Do not operate heavy machinery while taking this medication." By heavy machinery they don't mean bulldozers or tanks. They mean cars and trucks and motorcycles and riding lawnmowers and anything else where a drowsy, dizzy or uncoordinated operator could have an accident. Almost every skill needed to safely operate a motorcycle is affected by such medicines.

Even when we're at our physical best, our motorcycles pose limits. Obvious ones are type and power. A fully loaded touring bike is not made to ride over sand dunes at the beach, nor is a two-up 125-cc bike safe on the interstate. Even the best-maintained bike is subject to routine wear and tear. New tires are slick until the mold release wears off. Cheap tires can offer poor traction under even optimum conditions. Brake pads wear. A poorly cared for bike is two-wheeled disaster.

Even when our bikes and we are in tip-top condition, the environment can sharply define our limits. A twisty back road is a joy on a warm sunny day. The same road on a cold, wet night is a rider's nightmare. Cold can dull our reflexes and slow our reaction times. Numbed hands operate controls more slowly and with less feedback, making full-braking stops less effective. Nature can brush a road with sand or mist it with rain or fog. Our only choice is to slow down and to avoid any sudden changes in speed or direction. We should never be so dumb that we don't realize it is time to get off the road.

Our limits, the limits of our machines, and natural limits, all combined in endless permutations, are part of the challenge of motorcycling. Knowing these limits and riding within them are part of the responsibility of motorcycling. And that is part of the joy of motorcycling.