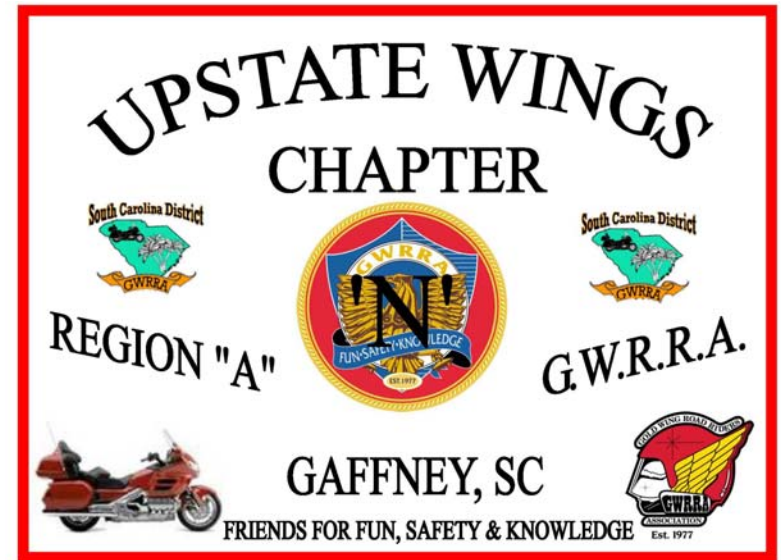


Upstate Wings

MARCH 2011



GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION

**REGULAR CHAPTER GATHERING
SCHEDULED**

THE 2nd SATURDAY OF THE MONTH

EAT @ 6:00 PM

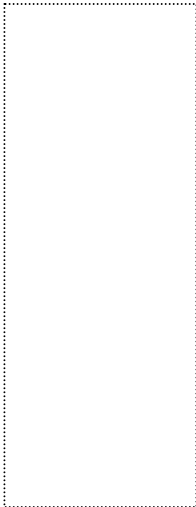
MEET @ 7:00 PM

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**



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Friends For Fun, Safety and Knowledge

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CHAPTER DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Welcome to SPRING an da new Riding Season, The weather has been fabulous thus far and the scenery is beginning to unfold. On Saturday march 12 we held our Spring maintenance day, we had several bikes that had service performed to make them ready and safe for the new riding season. General maintenance is one thing we can control as riders to verify our machine is in top shape for the riding season. Annual maintenance along with T-CLOCK before each ride are great steps to give us the best possible chance for having a safe ride.

I would like to say a hearty thank you for those who attended the Capture the Plaque @ Chapter 'H' , we had a great turn out for this attempt. Although we did not bring the plaque hope we still had a lot of fun. Chapter H received the Hot Tamale from Chapter F during this event so it is hot and it is on the move. During our Maintenance day and subsequent gathering, Chapter K arrived and delivered the Hot Tamale to our Chapter although finding out just how hot it was, wee loaded it up and transported it to Chapter E that very evening to see if they could cool it down.

We have a CPR and First Aid class scheduled for SATURDAY March 26 beginning at 9:00am at the Cherokee Creek Volunteer Fire Department located at 410 Buck Shoals Rd, Gaffney The Class will run until about 5:00 PM.

Saturday April 2, 2011 there will be another Capture the Plaque attempt at Chapter M in Greenwood (see below for additional details) I will not be able to be part of this attempt and I am looking for a ride leader to bring our Chapter to this event.

Don't forget to mark your calendar for the Spring Parking Lot Confidence Course to be held at Gaffney High School in the parking lot behind the DMV. Let's bring out all of the bikes and get the cob webs worked out of our driving skills for slow maneuver riding, this is a great time to practice those skills in a safe environment and prepare you for the riding season.

Lets not forget our upcoming Yard Sale and Chapter Road rally, we need to start collecting our wares for the yard sale so ewe can be prepared for this event. We will speak more about this in April.

I believe that this year will shape up to be one of our best riding seasons yet. I can't wait to share it with you.

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

APRIL Door Prizes. SOMETHING HOT in Honor of the South Carolina Convention

Thank you for all who brought Door Prizes to the March. If each one of us could bring one door prize, it is a good bet that every one in attendance would receive a prize. Thank you once again for your participation.

MARK YOUR CALANDAR

SEE BELOW FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS ON SCHEDULED EVENTS

March 26, 2011	CPR and FIRST AID 9:00 @ Cherokee Volunteer Fire Dept.
April 2,, 2011	Capture the Plaque Chapter 'M' Greenwood, SC 12:00 eat 1:00 Meet
April 9, 2011	Parking Lot Confidence course 3:00 pm til 5:00pm
April 9, 2011	April Chapter Gathering 6:00 eat 7:00 meet
April 15 – 17, 2011	Carolina Thunder Biker Retreat
April 28 – 30 2011.....	South Carolina District Convention
May 7, 2011	Chapter Road rally – Location Lake Welchel
May 21, 2011	YARD SALE GAFFNEY 5 points Lot
May 27- 30, 2011	Rolling Thunder Washington, DC Memorial Day Weekend Ride Leader Don S.
May 27- 30, 2011	Light House Weekend Ride Leader Larry and Candie Williams
July 6-9 2011	WingDing Knoxville, TN

QTY on Hand	Description	Price Each
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0	Cotton Face Mask	\$ 5.95
1	American Flag	\$ 8.95
2	Region 'A' Patches	\$ 6.00
46	Chapter Patches	\$ 6.00
8	4" Chapter Patches	\$ 4.50
7	SC patches	\$ 5.50
0	Eagle Patches	\$ 7.50
2	Large Helmet Stickers	\$ 1.00
1	Small Helmet Stickers	\$.50
4	Association Pins	\$ 4.50
33	Chapter N Bars	\$ 2.50
1	Vest Chain	\$ 12.50
1	Chapter Bar Pins	\$ 5.00
1	Chapter 'N' Hats	\$ 10.00
4	10" Black & Gold Patch "Round"	\$ 14.00
7	2" Black & Gold Patch "Helmet"	\$ 4.00

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

Reminder Project Gold Door Prize Providers

April 2011- Tim & Debbie Deason
May 2011 – Don & Susie Stewart
June 2011- Mike & Lynn Humphries
July or Aug Bernie & Loretta Kobylski
September 2011 – Leroy Dunlop
October 2011 – Larry & Candie Williams
November 2011 – Roger & Mildred Mahaffey



GOOFY AWARD:

Watch out for those rolling chairs

Project Gold Winner: Susie Stewart
Chapter Pride: Jerry Taylor (Guest)

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 Ron & Becky Lees
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 Faye Skipper	Membership Enhancement Glenn & Donna Bumgarner	District Public Relations Larry & Sandra Kelly

SUNSHINE REPORT: Loretta Kobylski

BIRTHDAYS:

Nancy Currence March 8
Candie Williams March 10
Jimmy Childers March 12
Brenda Wood March 12
Larry Littlejohn March 13
Victor Curtis March 23
Roger MaHaffey March 25
Betsy Kuhn March 30
Debbie Deason March 30

ANNIVERSARY:

Jimmy & Frances Childers March 16 (52 YEARS)
Roger & Mildred MaHaffey March 27

ACTIVITIES / RIDES

** March 26, 2011

- **CPR and First Aid 9:00am SHARP Cherokee Volunteer Fire Department \$15.00 per Person**

** April 2, 2011

Capture the Plaque - Location Chapter 'M' Ryans Steak House 1703 Bypass 72N Greenwood, SC. 29649 Eat @ 12:00 Meet @ 1:00.

Chapter Meet @ Burger King @ 10:00 am Depart 10:15 am

Travel Time approximately 1.5 hours (est. 83 miles)

We need a Ride leader, (Don has a Class Final this weekend)

** April 9, 2011

- **Parking Lot Practice (Confidence course) To be held at the Gaffney High School Parking lot MAIN LOT behind the DMV.**
- **Chapter Gathering @ Colonial Fish Camp**

** April 15 – 17 2011

Carolina Thunder Biker Retreat Weekend Batesburg/Leesville SC. See Don if interested.

**April 28 – 30 2011

South Carolina District Convention – Charleston, SC

FIESTA (FESTIVAL) of WINGS

CHAPTER JOB This year is the Hospitality Table 10am to 5:00pm Thursday April 28, 2011.

** May 7, 2011

CHAPTER ROAD RALLY

Staging location Lake Welchel Gaffney

** May 21, 2011

Yard Sale; Location Parking Lot @ 5 Points in Gaffney

**May 27-30 2011

Rolling Thunder 2011 Washington, DC

Hotel in Manassas, VA.

**July 6-9 2011

Wing Ding 2011 Knoxville, TN Are you planning to go? A few of us may make an over night trip to Knoxville. If interested please make it known.

****AUGUST / SEPTEMBER 2011**

August 26 - September 4th or 5th, 2011 Mike and Lynn Humphries are planning a ride to Maine anyone interested please see Mike or Lynn. (10 day trip planned).

ADDITIONAL RIDES FOR CONSIDERATION:
CADES COVE, PUMKIN TOWN OPRY, STONE MOUNTAIN GEORGIA, DEALS GAP
HELEN, GA

RIDERS EDUCATION

LORETTA KOBYLSKI

PREPARING YOUR BIKE FOR RIDING SEASON

With the riding season bearing down on us, the time is ripe for some preventive maintenance. A little time and effort expended now can ensure your riding season won't be interrupted by mechanical, or other, problems. You can also get your bike just the way you want it for maximum enjoyment on summer rides.

Service department: A full tune and service is a good place to start. This should include sometimes overlooked measures like changing the brake fluid and lubing major pivots--such as the steering head and swingarm. Liquid-cooled bikes should have their cooling systems flushed every few years. Whether you or your shop does this service, it should include a careful search for signs of weakness (loose spokes or an oozing gasket, for example). Fix anything that could take you off the road. Are there any adjustments that would make your bike more comfortable or manageable? Perhaps the brake pedal location or the angle of the handlebar? Do it now.

Early replacement: You should also replace any parts that are getting old before they put a crimp on your summer fun. Tires are the best example. If they are getting thin or aged-cracked or worn in the middle, making the motorcycle squirrely when leaned over, it makes sense to replace them now. This gives you time to order the tires you want, not just what the dealer has on hand. A premium aftermarket tire will generally give longer mileage and better traction. Other candidates for early retirement include an aging battery or brake pads. Again, you can order what you want now. Light bulbs also fall in this category. They get old and dim before they blow out. We usually replace all the minor bulbs every two years (use the heavy-duty versions of those bulbs) and keep a headlight bulb handy. You might also consider replacing your headlight bulb with one that has the same 55-watt low beam but a significantly brighter 75- to 100-watt high beam for more light when you need it most. (It will also get the attention of those other drivers who don't dim their lights until they are 10 feet away.) Make sure your charging system will handle it, especially if you also have other electrical accessories, such as spotlights.

Riding gear: This is the time to replace that scratched face shield or tattered rain suit. You might also want an additional pair of gloves, perhaps something warmer than that lightweight, vented pair but not as hot as winter gloves. Are the soles on your boots losing their tread? Better to replace or resole them now than put your foot down in a sandy patch of road and watch it slide out from under you. Has your helmet gotten loose and floppy from extensive wear? Are the seams on your jacket or gloves unraveling? Take care of these things now. And you might want to expand the range of your gear. A vented jacket will make riding on hot days much more fun than that heavy one and is safer and can even be cooler than no jacket.