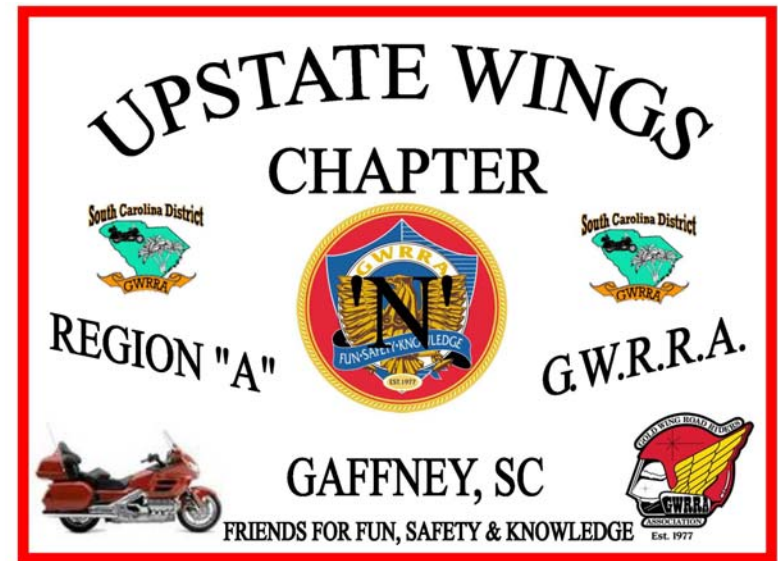


# Upstate Wings

MAY 2011



## *GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION*

**REGULAR CHAPTER GATHERING**

**SCHEDULED**

**THE 2<sup>nd</sup> SATURDAY OF THE MONTH**

**EAT @ 6:00 PM**

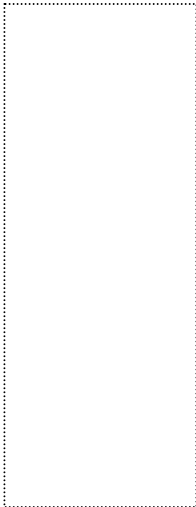
**MEET @ 7:00 PM**

**LOCATION: COLONIAL FISH CAMP**

1607 Cherokee Ave., Gaffney, SC, 29340

**[www.chapternsc.com](http://www.chapternsc.com) – CHAPTER WEBSITE**

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



**GWRRA**

**Friends For Fun, Safety and Knowledge**

## Chapter "N" Staff

Chapter Director's	Don & Susie Stewart	704-614-2374 Cell Phone 864-488-0930 Home
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Ride Coordinator	Vacant	
Treasurer	Mildred MaHaffey	864-487-5580
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Sunshine Coordinator	Loretta Kobylski	864-472-6178
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### CHAPTER DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Fresh from our return from the SC District Convention. For those who were not able to attend you missed a lot of fun. Antics and fellowship were ever present. We found out that Bernie does not like to park his chair (wheel chair) close to the water, for the life of me I can't understand why with our bunch or practical jokers.

Bernie and Loretta dressed up as a couple for the costume parade and Candie had a costume for an individual. Candie won second place for individual costume thank you for your participation in the contest.

Chapter N also came away with first place in the Black & White News Letter division.

We have several events on the very near horizon, May 21<sup>st</sup> we will travel to Columbia, SC. for the 6<sup>th</sup> annual Safety fair at Carolina Honda. Please make plans to attend; there is always something to learn from this event. On June 4<sup>th</sup> we will be holding our annual Yard Sale at Five Points Gaffney; we need your collected items to be brought to Candie and Larry's Thursday June 2 and Friday June 3 in the evening. Without your participation to provide items and your participation on June 4<sup>th</sup> to help sell said items this Fundraiser will not be very good.

We will also be heading to Anderson on June 11<sup>th</sup> for another attempt at the Plaque. We still need as many Riders and Co-riders as possible for this attempt.

I am hopeful that all are enjoying this year as much as I am, the gatherings and rides have been a lot of fun and I look forward to having a great riding season. Remember that this is Motorcycle awareness month, please do all you can to be seen on the road; wear your safety equipment and bright clothes. Let's be seen so we may ride another day. Bernie and Loretta Kobylski received their rocker for 100,000 safe miles, Tim and Debbie Deason, Candie Williams and Loretta Kobylski have all advanced to Level III. Congratulations to all. It is my hope and desire that all of Chapter N will participate in the Levels program and even progress through the Levels. Keep up the great work.

Remember our Veterans and those serving in our Military, for with out them we would not have the freedoms that we have and enjoy. Extend a hand in gratitude, give them a hug, or just say THANK YOU. These individuals deserve our appreciation every day for their dedication and sacrifice.

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



**JUNE Door Prizes. Something bright to express Summers arrival.**

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**

MAY 14, 2011 .....	May Chapter Gathering 6:00 eat 7:00 meet
May 21, 2012 .....	6 <sup>th</sup> Annual Motorcycle Safety Fair Columbia SC
May 21-22 2011 .....	PLP Facilitator Training
May 27- 30, 2011 .....	Rolling Thunder Washington, DC Memorial Day Weekend Ride Leader Don S.
June 4, 2011 .....	Yard Sale Gaffney SC
June 16 – 18, 2011.....	WING Fling Duluth GA
June 25, 2011 .....	Stone Mountain Over Night Ride
July 6-9 2011 .....	WingDing Knoxville, TN
Aug 13, 2011 .....	Chapter Pool Party Details to be announced
Sept 15-17, 2011 .....	REGION 'A' Convention Eufaula, AL
Oct. 13-15, 2011.....	Mississippi Convention Tupelo MS

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

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

**Reminder Project Gold Door Prize Providers**

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:**  
Lynn Humphries

**Are you my Husband?**

**Project Gold Winner:**  
**Chapter Pride: Loretta Kobylski**  
**50/25/25 Winners: Keith & Frances**

**SC District Staff**

<b>District Director</b> Charles & Kathy Coleman 864-423-5999 (cell)	<b>District Educator</b> Jesse & Sue Sammons	<b>District Trainer</b> Larry & Mary Rosselot	<b>Couple of the Year</b> Judy & Bill Dunaway
<b>Assistant Directors</b> Buddy & Kim Summer	<b>District Treasurer</b> John & Janet Crabtree	<b>District Ambassadors</b> Faye Hood & Steve Smith	<b>District Webmaster</b> Dennis & Sue Defendi
<b>Assistant Directors</b> Joe & Nadine Cooper	<b>SC Goodie Shoppe</b> Doug & Faye Skipper	<b>Membership Enhancement</b> Dale & Charlie West	<b>District Public Relations</b> Larry & Sandra Kelly

## SUNSHINE REPORT: Loretta Kobylski

### BIRTHDAYS:

Judy Failen                      May 6  
Loretta Kobylski                May 18  
Heather Curtis                  May 20

### ANNIVERSARY:

James & Judy Failen            May 18  
Willie and Mattie Browning    May 18

### ACTIVITIES / RIDES CALENDAR of EVENTS

#### **\*\* May 14, 2011**

Chapter Gathering Colonial Fish Camp 6:00 eat 7:00 meet  
Sheriff's Ride Gaffney Ride for a cure \$25.00 per person and all proceeds go to fight Breast cancer.  
Registration begins @ 8:00 at Electric Co-Op across from Stouffers.

#### **\*\* May 21, 2011**

**6<sup>th</sup> Annual Motorcycle Safety Awareness Day @ Carolina Honda Buckner Rd Columbia, SC.**  
**10:00 – 2:00 Depart Gaffney 8:30am for Ride to Dealership. Meet At Burger King Across from Hamricks. 2 – Hour Ride**

#### **\*\* May 21-22, 2011**

**PLP Facilitator Training by Jesse Sammons District Rider Educator**

#### **\*\*May 27-30, 2011**

Rolling Thunder 2011 Washington, DC Depart 5:30am from Gaffney  
Hotel -Courtyard by Marriot Manassas, VA.

#### **\*\*June 4 2011**

**Chapter Yard Sale Gaffney SC Five Points Please be present @ 6:30am to help set up.**  
All items need to be delivered to Larry and Candie Williams By Friday June 3 to be loaded onto trailer

#### **\*\*June 11, 2012**

**CAPTURE the Plaque LOCATION: CHAPTER 'A' Eat @ 12:00p Meet @ 1:00p**  
**Ryan's Steak House 3517 Clemson Blvd, Anderson, SC. 29621**  
Distance 72 miles Travel Time 1 hr 15 minutes Depart Gaffney (Burger King) Exit 90 I-85 **10:30am**  
Pick up additional riders in Spartanburg @ Peach Blossom Restaurant.

#### **June 25, 2011**

**Over Night Ride to STONE MOUNTAIN GA.**  
Parking \$10.00 per Motorcycle Plus cost of individual attractions. To further discuss @ June Gathering  
183 miles 3 hour approximate ride.

#### **\*\*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 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011 Mike and Lynn Humphries are planning a ride to Maine anyone interested please see Mike or Lynn. (10 day trip planned).

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## *RIDER ED 'GIMME 5'*

### **TOPIC: Team Riding Responsibilities**

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!

*Ride Smart & Be Safe!*

Bruce & Melissa Thayer

Former MI Asst. District Rider Educators

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