



# Florida District

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Southeast - Region A

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The winner of the Florida District flyer/shirt design contest will be announced soon.

Check the District website over the next couple of weeks to see the winner.

## 2010

### International Chapter of the Year

### FL1-L2 (Wesley Chapel)

**June  
Monthly Visitation Bonus Points**

**FL1-D2 (New Port Richey)  
FL1-O (DeFuniak Springs)  
FL1-T (Inverness)  
FL2-E (Miami)**

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Assistant District Directors  
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Assistant District Directors  
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Nate & Danelle Kinion

Assistant District Directors  
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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 Northrop

Rider Ed Assistant Administrator  
Mike & Bobbie Roy

District Webmaster  
Howie Taylor



We are looking at the start of the 6th month of 2011. My, how fast and FUN-tastic the year has been! The excitement is building and before we realize it the biggest and best FUNction in GWRRA will be here. Of course, we are talking about the Wing Ding 33 in Knoxville, TN, July 6-9! We hope to see you there and if you have a few hours to help out at the Ticket Sales booth on either Thursday or Friday, let us know. The volunteers always receive a great looking "badge" for helping out and you get to take part in the ice cream social. Daytona has already provided us a list of volunteers from their Chapter but we still need more spaces to be filled in. It takes approximately 8 folks per 2 hour shift. Florida has 1/2 day on both Thursday and Friday.

The summer riding season has arrived and with it all the extra care of preparing for the ride - inspection of bike (TCLOCS), proper riding gear & protection from the sun, and hydration is critical in having a safe riding experience. We need the Safety and Knowledge to have the Friends for FUN part as we enjoy our Gold Wings during the summer and throughout the year.

Georgia's yearly event is coming up in June. Carlos and Dee always put on a great show and you never know what kind of outfit they will be wearing. You can be assured that FUN is part of their Clown'n Around "Gold Wing" Style Wing Fling experience June 16 - 18, Duluth, Georgia!

If you haven't seen the Florida submissions in June's Wing World, check out page 24. FL2-O and FL1-W both have articles there. Also, BIG, BIG news...FL1-L2, Wesley Chapel, has been named the 2010 GWRRA Chapter of the Year! Wow! The bacon stays in Florida. We are so proud of FL1-L2 (2010) and FL1-H, Daytona (2009), for earning this distinguished honor. Yeah for Region A! Yeah for the Florida District! Congratulations to FL1-L2!

The Gold Wing raffle tickets have been printed for the 2012 Rider Education Program. Due to several factors, we will not have a dealership sponsor this year and the Florida District will get the kudos in our promotion. If you are still caring last year's ads, please remove them from your newsletters and websites.

We will soon be announcing the winner for the shirt/flyer contest for our 2012 Pirate Convention to be held March 22-24, 2012. We received many great entries from GA-D (Cumming), FL1-W (Apopka), FL2-E (Miami), 2 from FL2-G (Ft. Myers), and 1 from FL1-H2 (Orlando). Deciding on which design will be the winner is not going to be easy for sure! Thanks to each of you who chose to participate. Your efforts are appreciated and all were FUN to look at. Be sure to check out the website within the next couple of weeks to see the winning entry!

We hope to see you soon. As an old TV show used to say, "Smile, you could be on Facebook?" Well, maybe it wasn't quite that line, but anyhow we probably don't want to admit we're old enough to remember that show! Take care! Have FUN and we'll see you soon!

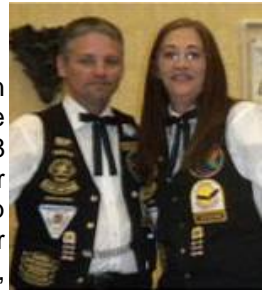
Bill & Gina Berry  
District Directors

Florida's # 1 Rule  
Have FUN!



## Horizon Program

The weekend of May 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> the Florida District put on the first Horizon Program in 18 months. For us as Instructors, we were looking forward to the program because we would be teaching something other than an Officer Certification Program. There were 28 people that signed up to attend the program. Of the 28 people there was 1 - Chapter Director, 3 - Assistant Chapter Directors along with 2 - Spouses, 2 - Membership Enhancement Coordinators along with 1 - Spouse, 2 - Rider Educators, 1 - Assistant Rider Educator, 1 - Treasurer, 1 - 50/50 Coordinator, 1 - Historian, 1 - Goodie Sales, 1 - Motorist Awareness Coordinator, 2 - Newsletter Editors, 2 - Ride Coordinators, 1 - Webmaster and 6 - Members that do not hold any position.



You are probably reading this wondering why we added who attended and how many people. We did this because we want people throughout the District to understand that anyone can and we believe should attend the Horizon Program. When you really look at who attended, you quickly see that there were people who hold positions in a Chapter but the biggest group of people that attended were people that just wanted to learn more.

So what is it that you learn or get to do during a Horizon Program? Well you get to learn about yourself. Just as every person has differently shaped feet and toes from every other person, we all have differently "shaped" personalities. There is a Personal Style Inventory for you to do to give you a picture of the shape of your personality. You learn about Team Building not just by listening to presentations but by actual hands on FUN. There is a presentation on Expectations which has built in FUN prior to, during and after the presentation. You learn the difference between Meetings & Gatherings and have a chance on day two to demonstrate what you have learned. Communications, do you know what it really is and how to communicate? It might surprise you what you don't know about communications and public speaking. If that wasn't enough, you will also learn about the Officer Couple. It surprised us how much people really enjoyed this presentation because they learned what a GWRRA Officer and their spouse/significant other need to take into consideration as a Team.

The best part about the Horizon Program is...it is so much **FUN!** They say a picture is worth a 1,000 words so here are some pictures from the Horizon Program.



In closing, we would encourage anyone that wants to have a FUN weekend to attend the next Horizon Program. We tentatively have one scheduled for the October timeframe. We have not determined the location and as soon as we do we will let you know.

Until Next Month, Be Safe Out There!

Rick & Madalena Buck  
District Leadership Trainers

It is summer and time to get out and do more riding. Remember to keep hydrated and use plenty of sunscreen.

May was Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month. We want to highlight what some of the Chapters did to commemorate this event:



David Smith of Statesville, NC drew a postmark and submitted it to the U.S. Postal Service to be used during the month of May (a copy of it is below). He wanted the postmark to be used in Safety Harbor, FL since it has safety in its name. Sharon & Tracy Dunn, Chapter Directors, FL1-M (Clearwater), along with the Post Office in Safety Harbor, partnered to bring this one-of-a-kind cancellation stamp to bring Motorcycle Awareness to the general public. Here is a picture of the Post Mark:



Melody Grammer, Chapter Motorist Awareness Coordinator for FL1-A (Tampa), awarded their annual Motorcycle Officer of the Year award at their meeting in May. This Officer is picked from the Highway Patrol, Sheriff's Department and the Tampa Police Department.

Jim McGinnis, FL1-H (Daytona Beach), had the state approve his request for using the lighted billboards on the interstates during the month of May to promote Motorcycle Awareness. He has also been appointed to the Florida Department of Transportation Motorcycle Safety Coalition Board. At their meeting in May, the board voted to place him on the District 5 Community Traffic Safety Team serving 9 counties in the central Florida area. He also has started training to become FRTP/MSF Rider Coach which should be completed by August.

We talked to the Emerald Coast Corvette Club in Panama City about Motorcycle Awareness Month and gave out handouts as well as talking to FL1-L (Panama City) and FL1-D (Pensacola).

We want to thank Mark & Luchy Reeder of FL1-W (Apopka) for stepping up as Motorist Awareness Coordinators for their Chapter.

Ride safe

Nate & Danelle Kinion  
Assistant District Director, Panhandle  
District Motorist Awareness Coordinators



## Good News and Bad News

First the bad news: we were cruising along on I-95 North heading to the South Carolina District Rally in Charleston when a strange noise got my attention. It sounded like someone had thrown a handful of ball bearings into a blender. I drifted off the highway onto a grassy area and turned off the ignition. We were about one and a half hours out of Charleston. I immediately went to the best investment I have ever made...I called Rescue Plus.



Folks, for \$25 a year you get the peace of mind knowing that no matter where you are on your motorcycle or in your car, you are one phone call away from help. Over the years we have used Rescue Plus on numerous occasions for our trike and once for a dead battery in our car that was parked in a parking garage at an airport. There is no charge for their services. On the above mentioned incident on I- 95, the Rescue Plus employee flat bedded both our trike and trailer the 1 ½ hours to a Honda dealer in Charleston. He said without Rescue Plus we most likely would have been charged \$250 for his services. Rescue Plus...if you don't have it, get it the next time you renew your GWRRA Membership. By the way, that strange noise we heard was the drive shaft falling apart. I have been told that it will cost approximately \$1200 plus for the repair. Fun, Fun, Fun!

Now for the good news! Our sincere congratulations go out to FL1-L2, Wesley Chapel and to Rick & Madalena Buck. FL1-L2 has been named International Chapter of the Year for 2010 while under the leadership of Rick & Madalena. A great honor for a great Chapter!

Finally, we would like to acknowledge Bruce Schlimme & Melissa Wilkerson, Senior Chapter Directors of FL1-R, Dunnellon. They have stepped down after 5 very productive years. They were recently awarded the title of Senior Chapter Directors based on their tireless effort and dedication to their Chapter. They have exhibited all the characteristics that go into making successful Chapter Directors. Congratulations Bruce and Melissa on a job well done.

Drive Safe, Have FUN!

Joe & Gracie Mazza  
West Central Assistant District Directors

We hope everyone is enjoying their motorcycles this lovely time of year and remembering to keep cool. We just wanted to take a few moments to remind everyone of some forms that we tend to forget but that are very important. If a Chapter changes the Chapter Director or Treasurer it is necessary to submit a new set of Financial Reports including Bank Card forms. If a Chapter Director changes, the IRS FORM 8822 will also need to be completed (Bill and Gina will help with these).



We are currently 5 months into the fiscal year and hope everyone is on track keeping up with their Financial Reports. Completing them monthly will make life so much easier at the end of the year.

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns regarding these reports.

We have been seeing lots of Chapter Couples out and about at events and hope you all are having a great time. Remember, you were chosen by your Chapter as an honor so enjoy your year and participate when you can and where you can.

Ride Safe and ride often, we will see you soon,

Jim & Rebecca Iverson  
District Treasurers  
Couple of the Year Coordinators

If the Alabama District Convention wasn't enough, we went to North Charleston to the South Carolina District Convention! It was held at the North Charleston Southern University campus and boy, what a venue! The host hotel, vendors, classrooms, and a \$5.00 per meal cafeteria are all on site. Charlie and his Team really put on a FUN event. Cheryl and I were honored to help judge the Talent Show and they had some very good acts and singers. We spent a bunch of money at the Vendors and took the guided bridge tour. The weather was cooperative with only a small rain shower on Thursday evening during dinner. Another great FUN Convention that we will be returning to next year!



We also went to FL1-F2, Ocala's Rally. Besides cleaning up with the game prizes, we had a wonderful time. The Poker Run was very pretty and well laid out. The facility was perfect for the event. Good job done by FL1-F2! At the same time FL2-E (Miami) captured the Region A Wanderer from FL2-G (Ft. Myers)! On June 4th, FL2-A (West Palm Beach) is having an Old Fashion Cookout at Broward Motorsports of Palm Beach, 2300 Okeechobee Blvd West Palm Beach, from 1100 AM to 2 PM. It is a Motorist Awareness, Rider Ed and Recruitment event. Come by and get some Visitation points! Can't forget FL2-A (West Palm Beach), FL2-R (Ft Lauderdale) and FL2-E (Miami) are putting on a Multi-Chapter Lunch on November 12th at John Stretch Park in Clewiston celebrating Veterans! You just gotta be there!

We are very proud of our Southeast Florida Chapters. They have been getting out there having FUN with their fellow Chapters doing a number of Visitations, Dinner Rides and Kick Tires together, along with attending Rallies. Let's keep it up and keep up the FUN!

Now back to our story of the Northwest USA Trip...

Crater Lake is a gorgeous area. The water is the bluest you will ever see. The lake is almost 2,000 feet deep at the deepest and 6 miles wide at the widest. We took the scenic ride around the lake and visited the Pinnacles. Lava, hot gases, and water created tall towers in a canyon. A wonder of nature! We left the park and visited the National Volcanic Monument. The landscape around it is all lava rock that was created when the volcano there erupted 6,000 years ago. We took a harrowing drive up Lava Butte to the small parking lot and Visitor Center. On the way back to Crater Lake we drove Cascade Lakes National Scenic Byway that had great views of snow capped mountains and several lakes.

We left Oregon and rode to California's Redwood National Park. We set up camp in a private campground right on the coastal Highway 101. Staying there two nights, we checked out local attractions. One was Trees of Mystery. It was a fascinating walk through giant Redwoods, a Sky Car ride to the top of the mountain (very foggy that day), and tree carvings about Paul Bunyan and Blue (his Ox). Further down the road we found a place that you pay to drive your vehicle through a Giant Redwood. There aren't anymore in the road to drive through so a few have set up drive-through on private property. We went through taking pictures...very touristy but FUN. On our way further south we drove through the Avenue of the Giants. What an amazing trip. We had never seen such large trees!

Back on Highway 101 we stopped for lunch at a small town local burger place. On the property it had a 20 square foot room carved out of a living Redwood in the 1800's. The tree was cut down but the stump continued to live and the room was used by travelers, hunters and trappers as shelter and in the 1950's was finished a bit and made into a Trading Post. We were allowed to go in and check it out. We camped that night in Standish-Hickey State Park. The next day we cut over to Route 1 and went through small towns like Fort Bragg where we had lunch at the North Coast Brewing Company Café. The brewery wasn't open for tours that day due to expansion construction but the lunch was excellent. We continued down the coast road and ran into a lot of twistys and pretty coastal cliffs. We made camp in a private park in Guala, California where the Assistant Manager said his brother is a GWRRA Member in Panama City! Small world! The next morning we took off for San Francisco!

We are leaving again for the summer, this time to go to the Northeastern USA. Another story in the making but will finish this one first in the months to come.

Bill and Cheryl Smith  
Assistant District Directors, Southeast

I do believe that summer is really here. This weather takes me back to when I was a youngster. Yes, believe it or not, I was a youngster many years ago...actually more years than I want to admit to! It reminds me of when I joined the Boy Scouts and started working my way up through the different levels of the Scouts. Of course, you had many things to learn as you moved through the levels or ranks. The first thing I learned was the Scout motto "BE PREPARED".



I guess you're going to say what's this got to do with GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS? It has a whole lot to do with it. The Boy Scouts had levels of achievement that required you to train and study to gain Merit Badges - advancing from the Tenderfoot Level through the level of Second Class then to First Class and eventually on up to Eagle Scout. Eagle Scout was like being a Level IV Master Tour Rider in GWRRA. The Scouts had levels of achievement just like GWRRA has in their Rider Education Levels Program. The Levels Program in the Boy Scouts was challenging. The end result was that you became a better person by providing you with a work ethic and helping you become more successful in life.

This is where the Scout Program becomes more like the GWRRA Rider Education Levels Program. You can become a Level I Rider or Co-Rider just by committing to riding safely, nothing more than that. Once you've achieved that I'm sure with the help of your GWRRA friends you will want to accept the challenge of going to Level II. This will require a little more commitment because now you will have to take an Experienced Rider Course and have ridden at least five thousand miles safely since joining GWRRA. Now that you're a Level II surely you will want to attain the Level III status. Yes, you will have to put out some effort and take a CPR or First Aid Course or both, if you choose, while being current in your Level II status. Now that you've gone that far and accomplished all this, why not ride that twenty five thousand miles, wait one year, and be recognized as a Level IV Master Tour Rider. Maintain this for five years and you will be a Senior Master. Five years later you will be a Grand Master and five years after that you will be a Life Master - a great achievement in itself. It is all about a commitment to safety!

Now, I suppose your thinking "What does this have to do with me?" Well, believe or not, you can attain all of this here in the District of Florida with absolutely no cash money outlay. How might you ask? Well, you remember the bike raffle that the Florida District Rider Education has each year at the Florida District Convention? The proceeds from that raffle goes into conducting all our Rider/Co-Rider courses in which you receive free. Which brings me to this, we now have our raffle tickets printed and are mailing them out to each and every Chapter in the District of Florida. We are asking for your help in getting these tickets sold so that we can continue making you, our Riders/Co-Riders better and safer motorcyclist. It is our firm belief that the more knowledge you have the better and safer Riders you will be.

Judy and I look forward to seeing you out there on the road. Ride safe and be sure that you Keep the Shiny Side Up and the Rubber on the Road.

Don & Judy Danbury  
Senior Master Tour Riders  
Senior District Rider Educators

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**Convention/Rally**  
September 15-17 2011

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**GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS  
ASSOCIATION**

## The Chapter Couple of the Year

In last month's article we covered the basics of the Couple of the Year Program. We discussed how the program came to be, the purposes and we broke down the two parts to the program. This month we want to focus on the requirements and thoughts about selecting the Chapter Couple of the Year.



To qualify to be a Chapter Couple of the Year there are only a few requirements:

- The Couple must consist of one male and one female.
- Both male and female must hold Individual, Family, Associate Individual, or Associate Family Membership in GWRRA. (Note: Associate Members are eligible to participate in the Couple of the Year program at the Chapter level only.)
- Membership must be valid through the term of the Chapter Couple of the Year position (one year).
- The Couple must have completed at least one year of Membership in GWRRA prior to being named Chapter Couple of the Year.
- In order to provide an opportunity for other deserving couples, the same Couple shall not be named as Chapter Couple of the Year for more than two consecutive years.

As you can see, there are really only four requirements to qualify a Couple to be named Chapter Couple of the Year. So to put to rest the speculation, rumors or folklore about the program, above are the only requirements to be eligible to be a Chapter Couple of the Year.

To go along with the requirements to be eligible to be selected as a Chapter Couple of the Year, there are other considerations that go into selection. The Chapter Couple of the Year should be a couple that is enthusiastic about GWRRA and their Chapter. They should be actively involved in Chapter functions, be positive about the Association, and eager to be of assistance wherever needed.

When you take into account the four requirements for eligibility and add in the considerations of enthusiastic about GWRRA/Chapter, actively involved functions and eager to assist, we say there is no reason why each Chapter is not selecting a Couple of the Year. We believe, based on our travels there is at least one couple that could be selected each year from each Chapter.

Now that you know the requirements and what considerations go into selecting the Chapter Couple of the Year, you need to understand the process for selecting a Couple of the Year. The final decision for selecting the Chapter Couple of the Year rests with the Chapter Director. A Chapter Director may make the decisions on their own or might appoint a Couple of the Year Coordinator and/or Couple of the Year Committee to oversee the selection of the Chapter Couple of the Year. Many Chapters establish a committee to identify candidates, review their contributions, and make recommendations to the Chapter Director. Possible committee members are current/past Chapter Couples of the Year, Chapter Membership Enhancement Coordinator, and Core Team members.

Whichever process the Chapter Director chooses to make the selection, no consideration should be given as to whether or not the couple might participate in the District selection process. This award is for the sole purpose of honoring a couple who has made significant contributions to the Chapter.

Now that the selection has been made, the announcement of the Chapter Couple of the Year should be made at a Chapter event and a "Big Deal" should be made of it. Some Chapters make the announcement at their Christmas party, some at a Fun Day or picnic, others at a regular monthly Gathering. The key here is making the announcement.

In closing, we believe there is no reason why at the end of the year, each Chapter cannot select a Chapter Couple of the Year. This year 23 of the 37 Chapters in the Florida District selected a couple of the Year. At the end of 2011 lets try and make it 37 of 37.

Until Next Month, Be Safe Out There!

Rick & Madalena Buck  
2011 District Couple of the Year

## Northeast Florida

During May, 100 plus people enjoyed a great Chapter event hosted by FL1-F2 (Ocala). The Poker Run was beautiful and the Ocala Team made this event the place to be on May 14<sup>th</sup>. Also on May 21<sup>st</sup> on the Armed Forces Day ride another 100 plus devoured an awesome buffet. Chapters from Melbourne, FL to Kingsland, GA gathered for lunch in Welaka.



June & July weather forecast is Hot, Hot and more Hot. Please remember that Hurricane season begins on June 1st. Now is the time to prepare yourself to bug out if needed. Have an evacuation plan and stick to it!

The Georgia District Rally is just up the road in Duluth, GA. For those looking for something to do in June the 16<sup>th</sup> through the 18<sup>th</sup> are the dates to mark on the calendar.

Hope to see you sooner than later

Geno & Kathie Jette  
Assistant District Directors, Northeast

Howdy to all from hot and steamy Central Florida. We seem to have skipped Spring on the way to Summer this year. Also, the afternoon thunderstorm season seems to have gotten an early start. It didn't wait for Memorial Day this year.



We've been busy here in the middle of the state. Breakfast Rides, Dinner Rides, Poker Runs and all the other kinds of events are in full swing. I've been able to attend more things this year and I'm really getting a kick out of it. Life is great with lots of good friends and FUN activities. Many thanks to all of the Chapters that put on events! It's a lot of work, but your attendees really appreciate your efforts.

Congratulations to Lew & Judy Rubino, new Chapter Directors for FL1-H2 (Orlando). They've gotten off to a flying start and I look forward to working with them. I'm kind of partial to my Home Chapter, of course, and I know it's in good hands. Welcome aboard Lew & Judy and best of luck.

I look forward to seeing y'all on the road soon.

Cliff Hotchkiss  
Assistant District Director, Central Florida

### 2011 Florida GWRRA Events

Jun 11	Instructor Development Certification Program	Wesley Chapel
Jun 16-18	Georgia District Wing Fling	Duluth, GA
Jul 6-9	Wing Ding 33	Knoxville, TN
Aug 20-21	Officer Certification Program	TBD
Sep 15-17	Region "A" Rally/Convention	Eufaula, AL
Oct 8	FL1-A Poker Run	Tampa
Oct 15	FL2-G Pancake Breakfast	Ft Myers
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

We are continuing our series of "In Their Own Words" To introduce all District couples who will be in the Region A Couple of The Year selection process at the Region A Rally/Convention. This month we feature Gregg & Renee Dempsey from Alabama.

Lynn & Lyn Edwards  
Region A Couple of the Year Coordinators

In Their Own Words

Greg and Renee Dempsey

We are Greg and Renee Dempsey, the Alabama 2011 District Couple and former, Chapter B, (Rocket City Wings of Huntsville, Alabama) 2010 Couple of the Year. I've been riding a Gold Wing since January 2010, and Greg has been riding a Gold Wing since 2008, with me as his co-rider. Greg rode and raced motorcycles, mostly dirt-bikes, since his teen years. In the fall of 1982, I was on an observer ride and Greg was skydiving out of the same airplane. Some romances start out with a glance, some with a smile, and some with just falling, literally, Greg really fell for me - something like 12,000 feet - he jumped out of that airplane, but before he did, he handed me his goggles and said "I'll catch you when I land". By the time I landed, I realized that I was falling for him. Little did he realize what he was getting himself into!

We were blessed with three children; one girl and two boys, we also have two grandchildren; one girl, one boy and one on the way. Life goes by, and before we knew it, we were empty-nesters. Now what? Fortunately, our dilemma was solved. Since joining Gold Wing Road Riders Association in 2008, we've discovered a whole new family. Along with this new family and friends, we have continued our education, but now it is motorcycle-oriented. To date, we have taken ARCs, TRCs, PLPs, completed the Horizons Program, and to further enhance all of that, Leadership training; and it doesn't end there, Greg became a Senior Leadership Instructor, as well as an ARC & TRC instructor. I'm a PLP facilitator and a Leadership Instructor. Along with the family aspect of Gold Wing Road Riders Association, education is important to both of us, after all "Knowledge is power".

December 2009, we were surprised with the honor of being selected Chapter Couple Of the Year. We considered ourselves JAMs and were merely enjoying all of the benefits of being a Member of Gold Wing Road Riders Association, while trying to learn as much as we could. We devote all of our free time to the part of the motto which is about FUN which includes participating in fun days, rallies, and all of the GWRRA events that we could. We are having fun, simply by participating!

Being Couple of the Year is a humbling position. We enjoy being with, helping, and meeting other people. And all of the couples that we have met and learned beside are wonderful people and believe in the Couple of the Year program. For us, to have continued in the program and been chosen as the Alabama District Couple, with our friends and family standing alongside of us, is truly more than just a motorcycling experience. This program has brought us even closer together. Not only are we happily married, we are a TEAM. Since joining Gold Wing Road Riders Association we have traveled from coast to coast, Region to Region, Chapter to Chapter, and have attended as many couple selections as we could. One thing we have noticed is that each and every one of the couples we've met, talked about the encouragement and support they have received from their Chapter, District or Region, regardless if they were chosen to continue to the next level or not. Across the board, they all just want to encourage others to join in the fun. Our goals as Members is to continue to have fun, encourage others, and become the best that we can be. Gold Wing Road Riders Association has enriched our lives beyond anything we have ever participated in before. Being the Couple of the Year at any level is an honor and we plan to represent our District, our Chapter, the Association, our family, in the most positive way that we can. As ambassadors of GWRRA, we are proud to have been selected to represent our family and friend in GWRRA to our community, state, and region, we are thoroughly enjoying each and every minute of this. Thank you

