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Mississippi District Region A



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MISSISSIPPI 2010-2011 Couple of the Year

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We will be introducing each District Couple of The Year from Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Florida and S. 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. My 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's 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 comradery within the organization. "Get-R-Done"

Woody & Debbie Jones
MS. District Couple of the Year 2011

Hope to see every one soon
Lynn & Lyn Edwards
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MANY FUN THINGS AHEAD

Wow! This past month has flown by and we have really had some great times at the fun days that we have attended. Chapter L did an awesome job with their fun day. Next was Chapter M, and their fun day didn't disappoint either. We saw many of your smiling faces there and by the looks of things, you guys were following the #1 rule of having FUN!!! Thanks to both chapters for making great memories for everyone.

Please make plans to support this month's fun days as Chapter O will host their fun day on Sat. June 4th, and Chapter D will host their fun day on Sat. June 25th. Remember to support these chapters by attending their fun day. It really takes a lot of planning, time and money for any chapter to host a fun day and everyone should support their efforts. We will be there!

Remember to mark your calendars for the last OCP to be given in the MS District. The date is Sat-Sun, June 11-12th beginning at 8:00 a.m. each day. Remember this class is open to anyone who wishes to attend, but required in order to hold a directorship or Asst. Directorship for a chapter. I know, I know...seems like more requirements each year, but I promise that you will learn a lot about GWRRA and have a great time in fellowship with all of your GW friends! Hope to see you there! Please email us and let us know if you are planning to attend so that we have enough material for everyone! Thanks in advance for the heads-up...

I want to take this opportunity to thank Chapter L for the much appreciated kindness that they have shown to MS-F's Buck and Nickie Crosby. As many may know, Buck and Nickie were in an accident while traveling home from Chapter L fun day. They are both in Hattiesburg at Forrest General Hospital. At the time of this newsletter writing, they are both in ICU. Chapter L has adopted their family, and friends and made many trips to visit, sent food, and just done whatever has been needed. They have gone over and above anything expected by anyone.. Thanks Chapter L from the bottom of our hearts. This is the exact spirit of GWRRA. When we meet new friends that ride and they ask what is so special about GWRRA? THIS type of kindness is the answer that I give. This type of kindness can be found only in GWRRA! Thanks Chapter L for giving and doing whatever it takes to make sure that other GWRRA members are taken care of! Please continue to pray for their recovery.

Thanks for all that each of you do!!!

We are YOUR MS DISTRICT DIRECTORS

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Since our last newsletter, we have ridden just behind tornadoes to get to the South Carolina District Convention. The weather was so bad even your District Director was wondering why we were on the road in such weather. We believe if we had told him lets turn around and go back home he would have said lets go!!!!

Believe it or not we made Charleston with out getting wet. We did stop and put our rain suits on a couple of times and if we had not we would have gotten WET!!!

Back to the Convention WOW! What a convention these guys and gals put on, it was great!!

Every time we attend a convention we learn a little more about GWRRA and it's members. Yes, we always make new friends. This time was no different.

Your District Team is working hard to make your Convention one to remember. We will have some surprises but we can not open that can yet.

We have been visiting with all the vendors and getting good responses. As of this writing we have 53 that have promised to be at our Convention. We feel sure this number will change before October. We hope it will be more not less!

We want to remind each of you this is the riding season. so support your home chapter as much as possible and your sister chapters by attending their fun days, Remember SUPPORT-SUPPORT-SUPPORT! Play some games make some friends and have FUN-FUN_FUN.

On the 7th, we attended Honda of Tupelo Open House. This was Chapter N's Fun Day. They had a great turn out – the weather cooperated for their event. They always have great food, entertainment and some wonderful prizes to be won. Our own Lori Bryant won a helmet.

We attended chapter MS-L fun day the next weekend at their new location. What a great location. There was plenty paved parking and nice restrooms, had some new fun games, good food and good friends. Thanks chapter MS-L for a fun filled event.

We even got to see Billy Bob. He is picking up some bad habits. He has a tattoo. Even saw a picture of him drinking beer. Wonder where that came from?

As many of you already know a couple from MS-F had a bad accident on the return trip home from MS-L. They lost control in a curve and their trike turned on it's side and slid off the black top onto a gravel shoulder. We were the second bike back from the accident. We personally want to thank all the members of MS-F that were on the scene. They all responded as taught in first-aid and CPR classes. Everyone knew what to do to give aid, supply necessary medical papers to ambulance personnel and personal information to law enforcement.

We also want to thank our sister chapter, MS-L. They were right there with MS-F during all of this. They gave their support in which ever way they could. We thank all of you from the bottom of our hearts.

The injured couple is still in Forest General Hospital in Hattiesburg. We won't get in to all their injuries but both are healing slowly.

THANK YOU for your continued prayers for this couple.

RIDE SAFE AND KEEP THE SHINY SIDE UP!

Mike and Joyce Rist

WE ARE HERE FOR YOU!



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DON'T OVERRIDE YOUR SKILL LEVEL

As an educator I get to hear things like if I knew just a little more I wouldn't have run off the road or what should I have done to prevent running off the road? Most new riders look to the older more experienced rider for help is this a good Idea, sometimes especially if the experienced rider has taken some formal riding courses and practices his skill frequently, . The old saying "you don't know what you don't know" this says it all If you want to know more sign up for a riding course. Wing Ding in Knoxville, Tn. offers plenty of course's like ARC,ERC,TRC and a new one TRC trailering. If you can not attend Wing Ding come see us at the Mississippi Rally we are offering ERC, ARC and TRC plus Seminars, MEDIC FIRST AID and all sorts of fun things.

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Planning Has Begun

We all talk about how time flies but we hold off till the last minute to register for the GREAT Mississippi District Rally. Your District Staff held their first planning meeting and have many new things in the works.

Did you know that the Mississippi District Rally will offer all three riding courses, GWRRA Advance Riding, Trike and MSF Experience Riding Course? The riding courses will be held on Friday October 14th. You can register for one of the courses with your registration <http://www.miss.gwrra-regiona.org/MsRally.htm> or if you have already registered there is a Riding Course Registration form at <http://www.miss.gwrra-regiona.org/MsEdu.htm>. These courses fill up fast so don't hesitate.

Beside the riding courses your Rider Educators will be having seminars and a Recertification Medic First Aid class(s). More information on these will be announced as plans are completed.

You don't want to miss all the great things Bobby, Lori and the district staff are planning for you, so what are you waiting on? Time is flying; October 13-15 will be here before you know it. Get your registration in today!

Riding Safe = Having Fun

Ruth Ann
MS District Assistant Educator





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We would like to say how much we have enjoyed going to all the different Chapter events over the last month or so. Chapter E always has a great Poker Run and this year was no different. Vicksburg has some really great roads so if you didn't get to go, you missed a treat. The next event on the calendar was Honda of Tupelo's Open House. We went up the night before, making the 5 hour long trip a little easier for us. Of course, many of you know that we blew a hole in our muffler going up so we sounded like another type of motorcycle (you know, the ones that makes all the noise) until we could get home. The next weekend, we attended Chapter L's Fun Day. They had a great event, with lots of prizes to win. And just this past Saturday, our own Chapter M held their Fun Day. Several of the Chapter Directors along with the District Director, Bobby Bryant got on our Splish Splash game. Boy did they get wet but at the same time were able to get cooled off. Congratulations! To all the Chapters on a job well done and we look forward to the ones coming up.

As you travel to each of these events and those coming up don't forget to take your passport with you and have the Director sign them,

We would also like to extend our prayers to Buck and Nicki Crosby, from Chapter F, who had a motorcycle accident on their way home from the Chapter L Fun Day. They are still in Forrest General Hospital in Hattiesburg. Get well soon, we miss you.

Remember the GWRRA motto: Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge

See you down the road, but until then, ride safe.

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Hello All,

First of all, I would like to thank everyone for their prayers for Bobby. He finally won his battle with all of the complications from his emergency gallbladder surgery. He went back to work this week and we know this was all due to the prayers and support from our Goldwing family.

Well, I don't know about all of you, but I am sooo excited for summer to be here! Yippee! We have a busy 3 months ahead. Plans are underway for a great rally and Leadership Training is going to be going strong through the end of the year. Please place the following dates in your planners for a fun, informative day:

June 11th – Life Skills Program

July 23rd – Chapter Leadership Skills

August 20th - Intermediate Leadership Skills

If there are any Leadership Trainers out there that would like to help me with these classes, I would love to have you. I would hate for everyone to have to listen to me for the entire class. LOL I hope to see everyone at one of these.





2010-2011 Couple of the Year
Couple of the Year Coordinators
Motorist Awareness—MAD

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Mississippi District Couple of the Year
Woody and Debbie Jones

All the rallies are just about over with. I hope all the Chapter couples are having a lot of fun and meeting new people. I hope all the couples will decide to participate in the District Selection because we are going to have a lot of fun. We will also be having a get together in the near future. I will let you know as soon as it is put on paper. I hope you will continue to visit the different fun days and show your support and remember to have FUN.



District MAP Coordinators
Woody and Debbie Jones



May was Motor Awareness month and we had some good things some Chapters did and I appreciate the work they done. I sent out a e-mail letting everyone know that we are to use form N.6 instead of N.23. So you will use the same form as the Rider Educator sends in. You will need to send it to me by the 28th of every month. I would appreciate this help. I will be contacting you later about the District Rally, because we will need all the MAP Coordinators that are going to the rally help. We are also going to need a Grand Prize for a table drawing. If anyone of you knows someone or a business that donate a nice grand prize please let me know. Let's keep talking and making people aware of motorcycles and being safe. Look before you slide over and ahead of you.

If you need to order material, you can get it from corporate now while it last. Please hurry and call your order in. 1-800-843-9460

*A Word or Two From
Region "A"*



Region "A" Directors

Bob & Nancy Shrader

Remember folks that Wing Ding will be here before you know it. Region "A" is selling tickets and staffing the poker run table. Each District as a workday so if you can spare a couple of hours, please contact your District Director and sign up. It's fun in-door work meeting lots of great GWRRA delegates while having a good time.

Speaking of Wing Ding, the Home Office has just announced that the Grand Prize will be a brand new 2012 Gold Wing! For the past few years a cash prize has been awarded, but this year we're back to a new 'Wing. This is really good news. Tickets will be available through pre registration and on site. You must be present to win, however.

We are in our second quarter of each District mailing out the Retention letters to the expiring members who have been members for one to three years. We are still evaluating the program for its effectiveness, but in the meantime we extend a hearty "THANK YOU" to the District Directors and their Membership Enhancement folks who've done a magnificent job of getting these mailed out promptly. This is the kind of hard work that goes on behind the scene in GWRRA that makes it work.

While we're at it, let me also thank all those District Membership Enhancement folks for the great job of contacting the New Members in their Districts. Reaching out to these people is the future of the Association and we appreciate your efforts in this. THANK YOU very much!



From National's Newsletter

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.

Motorcycle Safety Awareness

Billy Bob and his travels by MS-O

We received a call on April 26 from Lemuel and Jane Jones of Chapter 'M' to inform us that they had someone who wished to visit Chapter 'O'. Yes, it was Billy Bob. We set up a delegation of Cheeri'O's to ride over to Columbia on April 30 to meet with a delegation of Chapter 'M' for the official transfer of Billy Bob. Our Chapter 'M' friends and Billy bob were glad to see us and we enjoyed a dinner with them at a local Mexican Restaurant. There were a few tears shed by Chapter 'M' due to seeing Billy bob go, but they knew we would take good care of him.



Billy Bob's first day out was to our lunch hang out, Logan's One-Stop. Everyone was pleased to see him and they started thinking of things to give him. Billy Bob went with us to our Can-Shake and helped us to collect donations for our charity, Christian Care Ministries. After the Can-Shake he made a big impression on the waitresses at The Swamp Bottom Restaurant and they autographed one of their menus for him. Juanette put a Chapter 'O' patch on the back of his vest, made him a caveman outfit, and made a storage bag for him. Judy put one of our Poker Run pins on his vest and we put a Chapter 'O' visitor bar on him. We took plenty of pictures with Billy Bob and put them all on his flash card.

When we went to Chapter 'L's Fun Day in Hattiesburg, Billy Bob played all the games and he won a few prizes. Everyone showered him with affection and a few chapters were excited to hear that he would soon be visiting.



We had to make a decision on which chapter Billy Bob would visit next. We chose Chapter 'B', and on May 17 Bob and Lynn along with Kathy and I, went to D'Iberville for their monthly gathering. It was good to see our friends from Chapter 'B' and we enjoyed an evening of friendship and laughter. We look forward to seeing Billy Bob again and hearing about his travels.

Chapter Directors if you get Billy Bob, please write a small article of his travels for the District Newsletter.

CHAPTERS HAVING AN EVENT IN 2011

CHAPTER O – JUNE 4TH – FUN DAY

CHAPTER D - JUNE 25TH – FUN DAY

CHAPTER F – FUN DAY - SEPTEMBER 10TH

CHAPTER Q –CHARITY EVENT - SEPTEMBER 24TH

MS District Conv. (rally) OCTOBER 13-15TH

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Thanks to Joyce Rist for getting this together.

NEW Dates

August 6 District Picnic South—Paul B Johnson Park (2/24)

August 27 District Picnic North—Grenada Lake (2/24)



2011 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE

11 Life Skills Program - MS Realtors Bldg.-Flowood, MS

11-12 OCP - MS Realtors Bldg.-Flowood, MS (new)

16-18 Georgia District Conv. Duluth, GA <http://www.gwrra-ga.com/events/>

JULY

6-9 WING DING 33, Knoxville, TN <http://www.wing-ding.org/>

23 Chapter Leadership Skills Program MS Realtors Bldg.-Flowood, MS

AUGUST

20 Intermediate Leadership Skills Program MS Realtors Bldg.-Flowood, MS

SEPTEMBER

15-17 Region "A" Conv. Eufaula, AL <http://www.gwrra-regiona.org/RArally.shtml>

22-24 North Carolina District Conv. Fletcher, NC <http://www.gwrranc.org/wos2011.htm>

OCTOBER

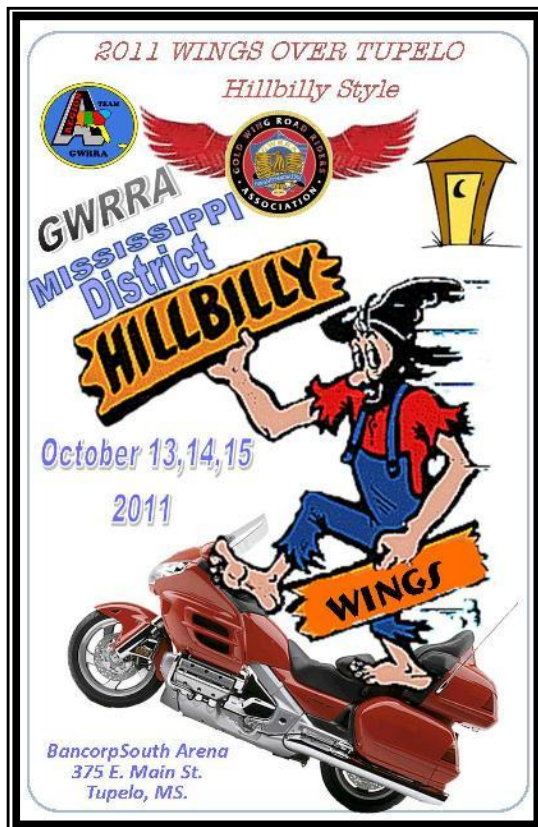
1 Membership Orientation Program—MS Realtors Bldg.-Flowood, MS (new)

13-15 Mississippi District Conv. Tupelo, MS <http://www.miss.gwrra-regiona.org/>
Chapter Life Program (at the Conv.)

NOVEMBER

5 Advanced Leadership Skills MS Realtors Bldg.-Flowood, MS

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**Do not forget the
MISSISSIPPI
District Convention
in Tupelo, MS
October 13, 14 & 15
2011
Ya'll come on and join
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