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***ANNOUNCING
Future
WING DINGS***

**2012 Ft. Wayne, Indiana
July 4 – 7**

**2013 Greenville, S. Carolina
July 3 - 6**

Next Gathering

August 13

9 a.m.

Breakfast at CJs

135 West Grand

Comanche

(behind the Court House)

2011-2012 International Couple Of The Year



**Kirby & Sandy White
Region D**

Kirby and Sandy White, Region D Couple were introduced at the Opening Ceremony at Wing Ding 34, in Knoxville, Tennessee, as the 2011-2012 International Couple of the Year. Region D is represented by Indiana, Michigan, and Ohio.

Drill Team Exhibition At Wing Ding

If you went to Wing Ding and did not go out to Chilhowe Park to see the drill team exhibitions, you really missed an exciting experience. Teams from Florida, North Carolina, and Canada performed breathtaking endeavors...mostly Gold Wings, but a few Harleys were showing their stuff also.

So, if you are ever fortunate enough to be at a rally or convention where any of these teams are performing, it will certainly be well worth your time to go see them.

The Blues Brothers At Wing Ding

Immediately following the Drill Team Exhibitions, a professional act from Pigeon Forge performed on stage with "A Tribute To The Blues Brothers". It was a lively and entertaining performance.

About halfway thru their act, "Elwood" left the stage and went into the audience. He then, took Jean Simmons' hand and led her on stage. They didn't tell her what they wanted her to do, but she was not about to just stand there.....so, she started dancing with them!



Chapter 02 Goes To WingDing



Mac and Kay



David and Mary



John & Donna



Dave, Sissy, & Flip



Donna & William

News From Phoenix

Phoenix, Arizona—Gold Wing Road Riders Association (GWRRA) announced today it will bring to an end its planning of the Trikes & Bikes Rally that was to be held in Bowling Green Kentucky, September 30-October 2, 2011. This rally was to be a continuation of the five year history of trikes rallies that have been held in great cities like Bardstown, Kentucky and Branson, Missouri.

These rallies focused on the emerging trike industry and were the first in the industry to be primarily geared toward trikes by GWRRA. GWRRA values its partners in the industry, namely the vendors, hotels, the CVB, facilities, all of our Members and guests and especially the Volunteers for supporting our efforts.

Given the economic conditions as they are for 2011 and the rallies already planned in this region, GWRRA will look to 2012 for a new venue and a way to make it a bigger and better rally for our Members and vendors. GWRRA wishes to extend our deepest gratitude to the many folks who have helped us over the years with the trike rallies and look forward to serving you better in the years to come.

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Things You Might Want

To Know If You Are Going

To Wing Ding 34 In

Ft. Wayne.....

The first time Wing Ding was in Ft. Wayne was 2002.....and we were there. We don't recall such a warm welcome from the local citizens, and businesses, anywhere else! We rode in the Grand Parade and there was a huge turnout along the parade route.....and many of them were holding signs saying "Gold Wingers, We Love You" and "Please Come Back".

Well, come back we did....in 2005. And we were there again. (259664) The welcoming reception we received was still the same....they were happy to have us back.

Both times, we were pulling a tent trailer behind our trike and we camped in Johnny Appleseed Park. The park is located adjacent to the Convention Center and, depending on which end of the park you were camped, you could walk to the rally. Even if you were camped on the far end, it was a short ride. The city erected numerous scaffolding to which they attached electrical hookups. They also brought in a semi with shower stalls for the duration of the rally.

On our recent vacation, we visited Ft. Wayne and checked out a couple hotel/motels for next year. We will be happy to share what we found out at our August breakfast in Comanche. We were so impressed with the price and the facility of one that we have already made our reservations for next year.

Dave & Jean

Chapter O2 travelled to WingDing.,.....

Although we didn't all travel together, we managed to "run into" each other while we were there!

David & Mary Graham, Flip & Sissy Flippin, Mac & Kay MacMahan, John & Donna Thomas, William Lackey, and Dave & Jean Simmons all ended up in Knoxville to attend Wing Ding 33. Roger Sellers started out on the trip; but due to an accident had to fly home.

"THE GWRRA WAY" HOW GWRRA DIFFERS FROM MOTORCYCLE "CLUBS"

"GWRRA is not a motorcycle club." We have all heard it, haven't we? But, just what does it mean?

Simply put, it means that our Association doesn't function in the same organizational and procedural format that "clubs" do. That is, we don't elect anyone to any position by running candidates against each other and having the membership vote on them. We don't choose our Officers with popularity contests. We don't impose our wishes on others. We select, not elect. Clubs usually are local in scope. Chapters are national or international and tied to a single organization.

We don't have long and heated debates, make motions, second motions, call for votes or go into long, detailed reports in our chapter gatherings. We don't need uniforms, people giving us rules to obey, or exorbitant fees or dues. In other words, a GWRRA chapter gathering is not presided over by a "president" and conducted according to Roberts' Rules of Order or the parliamentary procedure process. Many "clubs" use that format in their meetings.

We are all members of an association....not a club!

Happenings At Our July Gathering.....

As most of you know.....at the time of this writing, your editor is "on the road". We are travelling for the month of July.....Tennessee, Indiana, and Oklahoma. I am preparing this newsletter on my laptop (a whole new experience for me).

However, our CD Rick Dietly sent me an e-mail with the following information about the "happenings" at our July gathering:

Mac got Kay's \$5.00 (her number was in the June newsletter)

Toby won the 50/50

Jim won the name tag

We also welcomed Kent & Sharon Matherne from Deleon who were attending for the first time.

Thanks for your input, Rick!

Mark your calendar.....

for the following dates. More information on these events will be provided prior to the time of the event in our newsletter, on our web page, or by e-mails. We just want to give you a “heads up” on some of the dates we have planned Chapter activities occurring.

August


- 13 Chapter O2 Gathering
Breakfast at CJs 9 a.m.
Comanche
- 13 Chapter M Convention
Mansfield, TX
- 20 Chapter I Convention
Jefferson, TX
- 20 Chapter X2 BBQ
Cypress, TX
- 26 – 27 Kansas District Convention
El Dorado, Kansas

September

- 10 Chapter R Convention
Keller, TX

October

- 1 Chapter T Convention
Killeen, TX
- 8 Chapter N2 Bee Blast
New Caney, TX
- 15 Chapter U Convention
San Antonio, TX
- 22 Chapter Z Birthday Party
Pasadena, TX
- 27 – 29 Oklahoma District Convention
McAlester, OK




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Do you see your membership number

in this newsletter? If so, call (325-382-4469) or e-mail (jensim@web-access.net) and identify yourself as the lucky member before the next regularly scheduled Chapter gathering (usually the second Saturday of the month...unless notified otherwise) to qualify for your \$5 winnings. Hey, it's not like winning the lottery, but you can always put it in your gas tank (not the money, but the gas you can buy with it!)

We want to extend wishes for a speedy recovery to Roger Sellers

Roger was injured on the way
to Wing Ding
and had to fly home

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



10 Doe Bailey
11 Diane Miller
21 Gerry Brandon



AUGUST

15 Rick & Alyce Dietly
17 Dave & Jean Simmons
17 Derald & Sandra Burns
24 Ron & Diane Miller

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GWRRR August Anniversaries (date joined)

Jay Allen Lackey 2006

We Want Your Picture!

We'd like to start a new project in this newsletter. But to do this, we need your help. Please send (either by e-mail or snail mail) a picture of you when you were a child. We will try to run a different picture each month (depending on how many pictures we receive). We'll ask, "Do You Know Who This Is?" Then, the following month we will publish the names of all who guessed right. This is just for fun...there won't be any prizes. If you snail mail the picture, we can copy it and return it to you.

News From Our Chapter Directors
Rick & Alyce Dietly



Rick



Alyce

Hi Y'all

I've heard a couple rumors that Jean is giving up her high paying positions with G.W.R.R.A. and going on the road with The Blues Brothers. I hope it's not true, but you gotta do what you gotta do.

From what I've heard WingDing drew a good crowd. Next year it's back to Fort Wayne and I sure hope Alyce and I can make it, because those folk up there are just flat out friendly. We've been there twice and it just got better.

Our July gathering was a week late cause of WingDing but that sure as heck didn't affect the weather any. We had twenty people show up and eight brave souls [I'm not sure if that's the right word] we're on bikes. We welcomed Kent & Sharon Matherne of DeLeon to our gathering and after spending most of their time talking to Shari, I think they're still going to come back.

I want to touch on something that I sent out on an e-mail, but since some are still free from e-mail, I want to cover part of it here. If something is bothering you about what Alyce and I are doing or Not doing please bring it to our attention. Don't complain to your buddy because he can't answer for us. If it's something that you don't want to talk to me about, talk to one of the other team members. But 9 out of 10 times there will be a simple answer that will make everyone happy.

Don't forget about that drinking [water] before and during any outside activity. Hopefully it will cool down to the low 90's so we can get some rides in.

Ride Aware, Rick & Alyce

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News from our Assistant Chapter Directors

and 2011 Chapter Couple of the Year

John and Donna Thomas



August is upon us, the heat remains oppressive. Folks are talking about going to New Mexico and Colorado for some relief. Let's not forget our annual fish fry in September. The date will be announced probably the date of our September meeting. I will get with Rick and will make a decision by the August meeting. Donna and I rode to Knoxville and back for the Wing Ding. The ride was good, we actually got caught in some rain can you believe it. At one time we didn't even put on the rain gear, it just felt too good. Wing Ding was Wing Ding, it had it's good points and it had it's bad points as any large organized chaos event will. I cannot imagine the logistics it takes to pull off a function that big. Despite some personal feelings I reckon the Wing Ding staff pulled it off okay. The next one will be in Fort Wayne, Indiana. You decide if you want to go and plan ahead for it. Then, it's back to South Carolina the following year. The rides there are as good as the Tennessee rides. We will be planning for that one for sure. Ride safe and be aware.



Donna takes a quick nap while waiting for closing ceremonies to start.....But she wakes up before they start!

**News from Our Chapter O2 Educators
David and Mary Graham**



Hello Boys and Girls

Here it is that time again, it comes around pretty quick,

I do hope that Roger is doing OK; He had an accident on his way to wing ding.

We went to Wing Ding, and over to North Carolina.... was nice.... enjoyed the cooler weather.

It was hot but not as hot as here. No, we did not ride up there....it was too hot. Took 4 wheeler with cold air.

If you are doing any thing out side, drink plenty of water or something to keep you hydrated. You can get over heated real easy so be extra careful.

We hope to see everyone at Comanche; we will try and ride I think.

To the best of my knowledge everyone is up to date on their levels. If you have up dated, please let me know so I can up date our records.

Ride when you can keep cool be safe watch out for all the others on the road and off,

BE EXTRA CAREFUL IN THIS HEAT

News From Our Membership Enhancement Coordinators

Dave & Jean Simmons



Let me start by saying this is the first time we have ever gone to Wing Ding without our trike. We had planned to ride, and even scheduled our departure according to the time we thought we would need if we were riding. Well, the heat we encountered while riding back from the Arkansas District Convention, coupled with more than a week of triple digit temperatures before we left, changed our minds. We just don't handle the heat as well as we used to, so we decided to "play it safe" and use four wheels and an air conditioner.

We left Friday morning and drove all the way to Searcy, Arkansas. We had reservations to spend the night there and we were going to Sundowner Honda Saturday morning to pick up the free tires Dave had won in May at the Arkansas District Convention. I had packed stuff to make sandwiches for lunch, but we could not locate a roadside park, so I managed to make our lunch while we were rolling down the road (now THAT'S something I could not have done if we were riding the trike!). Of course, as soon as I had everything fixed, we passed a rest stop....but we kept on rolling....saved a lot of time that way.

As we were approaching the town of Searcy, a little white truck passed us...it had "Sundowner Honda" painted across the backso, we followed it and pulled up right in front of the dealership! We got there before they closed and picked up the tires Friday night. Then, we discovered our motel was only a block away. It was a really nice motel and we even went swimming in their indoor pool before we went to bed. Saturday morning, we were treated to a full breakfast...the biggest and best we've ever had at a motel. Since we had saved so much time, we made it all the way to Knoxville Saturday afternoon and checked in two days earlier than we had anticipated.

Sunday, we toured the Knoxville zoo and viewed a pair of animals we had never seen before....red pandas. We thought all pandas were black & white, but these were definitely red and white.

After picking up our registration packet at the convention Tuesday, we attended the International Couple of the Year selection. There were couples representing nine regions participating, including our own Region H Couple Steve and Faye Alexander. We were then told we would have to wait until opening ceremony Wednesday morning to find out who would be replacing Fred and Mandy Mew as our International Couple. At the close of Opening Ceremony, it was announced that Kirby and Sandy White from Region D would represent GWRRA during the coming year. Region D includes Indiana, Michigan, and Ohio.