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Chapter FL1-A2 Information

General Membership Meeting

Second Thursday monthly China Super Buffet 2698 North Monroe Dinner at 6:30 pm Meeting at 7:30 pm

Dinner Rides Every Third Thursday

We miss you when you're not there! Welcome to all visitors and new members!!! We're glad you're with us!!!

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Hi Fellow Gold Wing Lovers:

Here's hoping you are having a great summer! I know it's been extremely hot! Be safe when out in this heat and hydrate often. Heat stroke can be fatal to old folks like me.

Sorry we didn't get out a separate July News Letter, but July was very busy. First we attended Wing where we had a ball. Terry . & Sylvia, Ed & Peggy,& Gus, Philip and Nate were all there. We rode a lot, visited Duke at the Bush Bean factory and rode in the grand parade. We started the parade just behind the flag bearers and got to the finish 5 minutes ahead of them because we got behind the front part of the parade in a construction area, came around a curve with no signs, following several bikes who missed an exit and we ended up on the interstate. We just followed interstate to the park where the parade was to end!! Oh well we got to ride half of the parade! We had a ball, wish all could have attended. We saw a lot of our GWRRA friends and meet several new ones! This was the 5th largest WEing Ding in history with over 12300 attendies!

Kudos and Thanks to Sonny Rolo for hosting the July meeting in our abscents.

Leucretia & I came home long enough to catch a couple doctors appointments and drove to Kansas for ten days to visit a sick Brother-in Law and help out my sister with some chores around the house. My brother –in-law hasn't been able to do chores for several years! Had a great time in Kansas even thou it was 105-115 every day.

We have been doing our Saturday rides in the mornings to beat the mid-day heat! We have had great rides to the coast and up to Thomasville, if you missed them we all had a very good ride! Hope to see you on a ride soon!!

Ride safe and Enjoy!!

Lenton & Leucretia Stephens

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From: Nate & Danelle Kinion

Wing Ding is behind us and next year it will be in Ft. Wayne, IN. In 2013, it will be in Greenville, SC.

We attended Wing Ding in Knoxville from July 6-9. We rode the "Dam" ride and visited three dams, Tellico Dam, Ft. Loudon Dam and Watts Bar Dam, which also has a nuclear plant. We had a nice

lunch with entertainment and on the way back, we stopped at the Sweetwater Valley Cheese Farm and sampled some cheese (and bought some, of course). We made some purchases from the vendors and attended the Women's Expo at Chillowee Park, which also had demo rides and the bike show. Our own Doc Vann from Milton took first place in his category (Stallion).

On Thursday we volunteered at the Rider Education table to sell tickets on the Hannigan trailer that was given away at closing ceremonies. That night, we attended the barbecue dinner and entertainment by Johnny Counterfeit. He was very funny and it was a good time.

On Saturday morning, we attended the Master's Breakfast where Region A came home with some Rider Education awards.

On Saturday afternoon, we took a ride up to the observation deck of the 1982 World's Fair tower and saw some beautiful views of the city of Knoxville.

We got caught in the rain several times but mostly the riding was cool and not too hot. It was fun seeing old friends and making new ones.

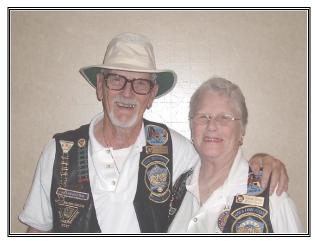
If anyone has any questions as to the Motorist Awareness portion of the N6 form, please let us know. We need to receive them either monthly or quarterly, whichever is easier for you. We have to turn the information in to the Region A Motorist Awareness Coordinator quarterly so we need all three forms by the end of the last month of the quarter. Chapter Directors, you can send us this form or have either your MAD Coordinators or your Rider Educators send a copy of this form to us. We need a copy of the report whether or not there was any motorist awareness activity or not.

Don't forget that the Region A Convention will be September 15-17 in Eufaula, AL. We hope to see everyone at a rally or convention soon.

Ride safe

TODAY IS A GIFT THAT'S WHY IT'S CALLED THE PRESENT





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Where there is Thunder, there is LIGHTNING ...

Lightning results from the buildup and release of electrical energy between positive and negative charges between the earth and a thunderstorm. Lightning will usually strike the highest object in area. This includes trees, antennas, a boat on a lake, a person standing in a field or someone on a motorcycle. So what should you do to protect yourself?

If you are outside, get inside a building or a vehicle. If you can hear thunder, you are already at risk. Practice the "30/30" safety rule. If you see lightning and cannot count to 30 before hearing thunder, go indoors. Stay indoors an additional 30 minutes after hearing the last clap of thunder. If you cannot find shelter, do NOT stand under a tree or remain in an open place when lightning is near. Avoid open water, as well as tractors, bicycles, golf carts and MOTORCYCLES. These will not provide protection and may actually attract lightning. If you are outside, and feel the hair stand on end, this indicates lightning is about to strike. Drop to your knees and roll forward to the balls of your feet. Place your hands on your knees and tuck your head down. DO NOT LAY FLAT ON THE GROUND.

Enjoy your summer riding and enjoy this beautiful country of ours. But, while you are doing so, be aware of lightning. I have been on a ride with friends that were struck by lightning. It is NOT a pretty sight. Summer storms can bring different types of problems. Heavy rain can flood roads and highways, making hydroplaning a major concern. High winds can cause problems with the handling of your motorcycle. And always be aware that thunder, brings lightning and lightning is always dangerous.

And as always, always be watchful for the unwatchful . . . Chuck & Anne





FLORIDA/GEORGIA/ALABAMA/MISSISSIPPI EVENTS

Aug 20-21	Officer Certification Program	TBD
Sep 15-17	Region "A" Rally/Convention	Eufaula AL
Oct 8	FL1-A Poker Run	Tampa FL
Oct 13-15	Mississippi District Rally/Convention	Tupelo MS
Oct 22-23	Horizon Program	TBD
Oct 29	FL1-H2 Howl-O-Ween Harvest Picnic	Orlando/Christmas FL