

GWRRA
Friends For Fun,
Safety, and
Knowledge

Alabama B **Rocket City Wings** **Huntsville, Alabama**

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Hello from your new Newsletter Editors!

This is our first attempt at a newsletter. Aaron has held about every other position at the chapter level. We know this position is no different than any other. We can only do as good a job as you help us do. This is your newsletter not just mine and Pat's.

Please send us articles and pictures that you take of your adventures, they don't have to be on your bike but anything you find interesting and wish to share with the rest of the chapter family.

Thanks so much

Aaron & Pat (Zippy) Lambert

**Our next gathering will
actually be our special**

● **Valentines Party**



● **Feb 16th**

Check out of new Team

As most of you know by now our 2012 Chapter directors, Greg & Rene Dempsey have stepped down. Steve & Shirley Kremer are our new Chapter directors.

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Our new chapter Directors

Steve & Shirley Kremer & their New Team

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tors**

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Social Dinners Jim & Joy Hall

Technical Coordinator Michael
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We are going to work hard for you,
you are why we do these tasks.



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What's Missing from this page?

**Since this is your newsletter,
your articles and pictures are
what's missing!!!!**

**Send them to
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DIRECTOR NOTES
-- FROM THE CHAPTER DIRECTORS

I believe I heard someone say "out with the old and in with the new". I believe Greg was referring to his age at the time. Well, we all know change is inevitable and necessary in order to experience life's greatest enjoyment and opportunities with friends. I sometimes think that life is like roll of toilet paper. The closer you get to the end the faster it goes. Heck, old is bending down to tie your shoes and wondering what else you can do while you're down there. And what about when your back goes out more that you do. George Burns once said, "If I'd known I was going to live this long, I'd have taken better care of myself."

In the three years Shirley and I have been with GWRRA, we've always found genuine, caring and committed "old(er)" folks that were instrumental in making "fun" very memorable (and also a three letter word). As most of you already know Shirley and I have been honored to accept the Chapter Director positions for Chapter "B" and are looking forward to serving our chapter with as much fun that we can possibly dish out (along with the ice cream). 'Thanks' to Greg and Renee for their love and commitment as our Chapter Directors. They've accepted District positions and we always look forward to seeing them participate with us whenever possible. A special 'Thank You' to

all the folks that have contributed and will continue making Chapter "B" the best chapter in GWRRA.



We've already had our first kick-off TEAM meeting and I'm excited about the fun events we're planning for this year, starting with a Valentines Party the 16th of February. It's always good to have more folks on your team because teamwork means never having to take all the blame yourself.....

..... (Just kidding). Really, I'm hoping to encourage everyone to start "believing" in how we can all become actively involved in having fun. I know it doesn't matter how many chapter events, rides and activities we plan that'll make it fun, without participation. Remember that we're **members** of GWRRA and **participants** of chapters. This makes sense because we are free to participate with any chapter we chose. Believe me, I understand a lot of the challenges we're facing in the economy and how participation can be a challenge in itself (especially with work commitments and bills) . I also understand how participating means

that we sometimes become apprehensive or fear the outcome of the commitment. We're very blessed with members that have been with Chapter "B" many years and they are a resource of advice, experience and talent that can contribute to keeping us focused on having 'FUN'.

I also want to remind everyone that education is a part of why GWRRA exists. It's also a part of Friends for FUN, SAFETY, and KNOWLEDGE (I think that's the knowledge part). Seriously, free education is not a bad thing, especially when the education carries over to common everyday communication and people skills. At least I think that's what I remember from taking them. Darn, that seems to be happening to me a lot these days, I mean, forgetting. They say there are three things that you forget when you get older, the first is your memory, then

Shirley and I want to extend our appreciation to all GWRRA active members in their commitment with the time, money and resources given to have fun, be safe and make participation for other members possible.

Keep in mind that our February gathering will be held at Huntsville Christian Academy, 175 West Park Loop NW Huntsville, AL 35806. We will eat at 6pm and meet at 7pm followed by a Valentines Party.

Please, take some time to browse through the Chapter Web site and see upcoming events and Links to valuable

Have a Plan When You Ride And Ride with a Plan

A few years ago a fellow motorcycle riding instructor offered me one of the best riding tips I've ever been given, a golden nugget I share with others at every opportunity. Being a motorcycle instructor, I pride myself on my ability to critically coach others to better their riding; yet somehow this was a simple tidbit that had eluded me. I have been riding legally on the road year-round for about 17 years now (*I'm not that old, really...*) yet it has been the last few years that my riding has improved the most. This tip is the catalyst for my greatest improvements.

The story goes something like this... I was out learning a Basic Rider Course when my friend Bruce showed up. He had just gotten back from attending a well-known out-of-state track school. With all the enthusiasm he could muster (*which unlike me is always calm and controlled*) he began to share his newfound treasure. He told me "Steve... I learned the greatest thing" with an impatient response I asked him to share all. He told me, "I learned I should always ride with a plan." I paused for a moment trying to figure out what the big deal was. I told him "I do ride with a plan... I plan on riding over to Decatur for breakfast tomorrow and then I'm headed east... that's my plan." He gave me that look telling me I just missed the point. "NO" he said... before you head out for a ride you should always plan to work on a specific skill." WOW! How simple I thought, what a great idea, all I have to do is pick one thing to focus on during each ride! Since that time, I have shared this little tidbit with other riders, knowing that without incentive most of them would not practice their newfound riding skills until they went back to take an Advanced or PLP course. This is the one piece of advice that can help you hone your skills during every ride.

It works like this: each time you mount up to go for a ride, you should pick one specific item to focus on. This can be something like eye placement (*keep them high searching for traffic or entry points for cornering*), or maybe try for the perfect line through a corner. If you don't feel like focusing on your physical abilities try picking a mental skill such as playing the "what if" game... "what if that car pulls out in front of me, do I have a plan?"... "what if this corner has a stalled car on the other side, what if I get a flat?" Most riders understand the value in taking a motorcycle class or reading a book to improve skills but if those skills aren't practiced on a regular basis they will not be there when you really need them.

Homer Simpson once said something like "boy, in unfamiliar times you go with what you know." Ride safe... ride with a plan. You have to be disciplined to do this and gain the most from it. Remember ONE item at a time, isolate your skills and hone each one individually.

Please, take some time to browse through the Chapter Web site and see upcoming education events and Links to valuable motorcycle safety sites (see below).

Hope to see you at our next Chapter Meeting and remember "Safety is for Life".



Steve & Shirley Kremer

Chapter "B" 2012 Ride Educators

<http://www.rocketcitywings.org/education.asp>

<http://www.rocketcitywings.org/links.asp?page=education.htm>

Check us out next month, til then Ride often and ride safe

Aaron and Pat

Convention / Rally Pre-Registration Form

	QTY	
GWRRA Members	\$30 ea	=
Non-Members	\$35 ea	=
13-15 Year Olds	\$10 ea	=
MEDIC / FIRST AID	\$20 ea	=
ARC / TRC	\$20 ea	=

Pre-Registration Tickets and Rally Shirts

50/25/25 Tickets	(6 for \$5)	(14 for \$10)	(30 for \$20)	
Grand Prize Tickets	(6 for \$5)	(14 for \$10)	(30 for \$20)	
Bushtec Trailer Tickets				\$1 ea
Polo Shirts	Circle Size:	S M L XL		\$20 ea
Polo Shirts	Circle Size:	2XL 3XL 4XL		\$22 ea
T-Shirts	Circle Size:	S M L XL		\$16 ea
T-Shirts	Circle Size:	2XL 3XL 4XL		\$18 ea
Long Sleeve Tee	Circle Size:	S M L XL		\$18 ea
Long Sleeve Tee	Circle Size:	2XL 3XL 4XL		\$20 ea

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED

\$

Kids under 12 are free, does not include pre-registration prize tickets
Pre-Registration deadline is April 1, 2013; on site registration is increased by \$5 each
No Refunds after April 1, 2013
 Vendor Day Passes are sold on site for \$10 ea, for trade show only, does not include other rally activities.

Tentative Schedule

Thursday 04-11-2013
 Registration - Noon to 5pm
 Vendors, Indoor Games, Ticket Sales
 Dinner

Friday 04-12-2013
 Registration - 8 am to 5 pm
 Vendors, Indoor Games, Ticket Sales
 Poker Run (2)
 Hospitality Suite, Seminars
 Couple of Year Selection
 Talent Show
 Lighted Bike Parade

Saturday 04-13-2013
 Registration - 8 am to noon
 Vendors, Indoor Games, Ticket Sales
 Hospitality Suite
 Seminars, Bike Show
 Chapter Challenge
 Closing Ceremonies

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**EARLY BIRD WINNER
 DEADLINE
 MARCH 1, 2013**



ALABAMA DISTRICT CONVENTION



Rider:	Co-Rider:
Rider Age: _____	Co Rider Age: _____
Circle all that apply: Male Female 1-up 2-up	Wing Trike Sidecar Other: _____
Rider: _____	Co-Rider: _____
Rider Age: _____	Co Rider Age: _____
Circle all that apply: Male Female 1-up 2-up	Wing Trike Sidecar Other: _____
Street Address _____	City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____	GWRRA Chapter _____ Direct Miles to Convention _____
Your Email: _____	

I/We agree to hold harmless GWRRA co-sponsoring organizations and any property owners for any loss or injury to sell or property in which I/we may become involved by reason of participation in this convention. I/we have read this waiver and acknowledge with signature(s) below:

Rider Signature: _____

Date: _____

Co-Rider Signature: _____

Date: _____