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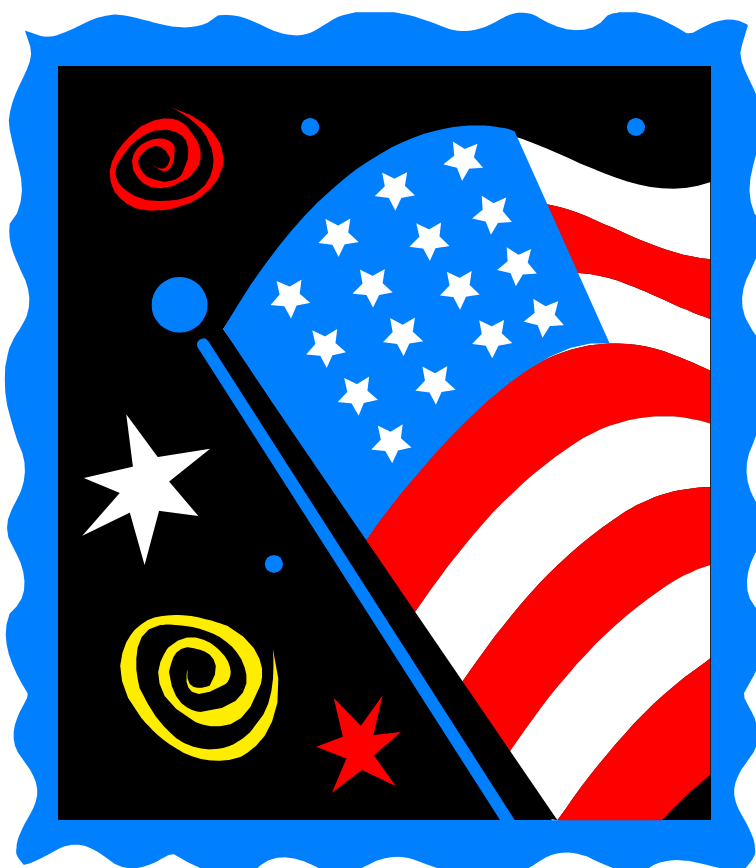
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# Happy 4th of July





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ple of the Year 2012/13

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NEWS UPDATE!**

**YOUR CHOICE**

**HONDA "GL1800"**

**HONDA "F6B"**

**WING THE WING  
GREENVILLE, SC  
JULY 3-4, 2013**

**(Actual Bike May Vary)**

The banner features two Honda motorcycles, a red GL1800 on the left and a black F6B on the right, set against a red background. In the center, there is a logo for the 'Wing the Wing' event in Greenville, SC, scheduled for July 3-4, 2013. The text 'YOUR CHOICE' is prominently displayed in the center. The phrase '(Actual Bike May Vary)' appears at the bottom of each motorcycle image.



# Director Notes

-- From the Chapter Directors



**Well, it's been a pretty** eventful month, to say the least. Overall we had a wonderful month of activities and participation (along with some record-breaking temperatures). Shirley and I had a busy month last month, especially with her being in the hospital, and finally returning home on 1 June. I would like to start out by saying that I really appreciate the support you gave us while we were going through that challenging event. Shirley and I want to sincerely give our staff and members a big **"Chapter B Thank You" for everything you're doing to support Chapter B's success.** Contributing your time, participation, ideas and advice are so important in keeping the **chapter healthy. I don't ever think that we can ever say enough thank you's** when it comes to volunteer support.

Boy, talk about fun days this month. I think we had around five fun days that folks attended, some even where our members split up to go to Funday events in two different chapters

on the same day. Let us see, we had chapter T chapter J and a few Tennessee fun days. It is definitely a lot of days to have fun with other chapters. Although, I know not everyone can get out they go to these events, since we do schedule them out a month ahead, it is nice that everyone has the opportunity to know what is coming up. We had our chapter meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> and boy what a great turnout. We had lots of guests from the Redstone Riders and overall a great meeting (despite the 80° temperature in the restaurant). **I'll really try and** make sure that the temperatures are little more comfortable at the next meeting.

Let us see, other things that happened were, the Georgia Rally was on the 14<sup>th</sup>.

We also had the ride to Memphis, Tennessee, with a walk down Beale Street where we ate at the blue jazz café and had a plate of **fall off the bone ribs(can't** even describe the delicious taste of some Memphis barbecue without being there). This was an overnight trip and we ended up taking an alternate ride back to Huntsville from Memphis, which turned out to be a beautiful ride. The ride to Memphis was cool because we left early in the morning and I got rather warm around 11 AM, but

we all remember, stay hydrated, and/or at least cool off in some air-conditioned restaurant. Shirley and I celebrated our 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary on the 24<sup>th</sup> and we have a moonlight ride coming up on the 29<sup>th</sup>, which is also a bug run. If you have never done a bug run, then you need to try one. What we do is place some dots on the bike where you think the bug is going to commit suicide, and after the ride, we gather all the bugs up and have barbecue bug on-a-stick. Well, not all that was true. But the part where we put dots on the bike is and the bug committing suicide is, the only difference is we add up all the bugs on the dots on our bikes and the one with the most bugs on the dots ends up getting half of the proceeds from the dot sales.

**I can't end this newsletter** without talking about the big event in July, which is of course Wing Ding. This year it is being held in Greenville, South Carolina, during the week of the Fourth of July. Our plan is to leave out real early in the morning to avoid the **heat. I'd like to encourage** everyone that can participate to be there. If you have never been to a Wing **Ding it's a very different** experience and for those returning, there is always lots of new things to do,

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people to meet, and this year we get reserved seating at opening ceremonies.

**There's also lots of great riding areas around Greenville** and I am sure we will find lots of restaurants (some even serving ice cream).

While summertime is unpredictable with the weather, be prepared with rain suits, lots of water, and a good plan when you are riding in the heat. Hope to see everyone at our next event and remember to ride safe and cover everything you want to use later

**in life....**

*Thanks,*

Steve & Shirley Kremer

Do you have an article that should have been posted here?



## Faye and Walter Gersch 2013 Couple of the Year



The month of June was very busy. We started out on the 1<sup>st</sup> of June by going to Chapter T in McCalla, Ala. for their fun day. It was lots of fun. Especially since Penny got Walt up on the stage and had him dancing. Something I cannot do. Wow. On June 8<sup>th</sup> we rode to Cool Springs Honda in Franklin Tenn. We had lots of fun there, too. They had lots of prizes that were pretty expensive. We won a turkey plate, but others got really nice things and door prizes. Grand Prize was a 42 in. TV. We had a hard time deciding where to go because Ala. L had a Fun day also but it a long way down and lots of fog. We were very careful. We made the trip just fine. They had lots of fun games. IDEAS, UH HUH.

We left on June 15<sup>th</sup> for a ride to Memphis to see the famous Beale St. We had the most wonderful ribs at Blues City Café. Got to see the trolleys and famous theatre where the stars had their names in gold. It was an overnight ride. Nice! We took the Scenic ride back. Home about 4 pm. Then on June 22<sup>nd</sup> we left early to eat at Cracker Barrel and then

on back down I-65 and over to Northport Al. and down to Coker for Ala. J Fun day. Wow. It was great. Very hot ride but we were mostly inside. Food, Good band and dancing.

Walt and I won the Chapter Challenge. I was blindfolded and had to shave Walt with whipped cream.

It was pretty much over about two unless you wanted to dance more. Some folks in our group did not dance. We headed on back up the back roads to Oakman where we had dinner at the Bullpen. Gosh, was it good. We met some of the gang from GWRRA on a ride going to the Bullpen. There is a bug run this Sat. Leave for Wing Ding on Mon. for six days. So excited. Hope that you all will be going. I guarantee you to have a great time with FUN, FAMILY And FRIENDS. It will be in Greenville SC which I have never been to, so I am sure the ride will be nice. I have not been so many places in my life till I joined GWRRA and our local Chapter AL-B.

Till next time, we are:

Walter and Faye Gersch

Couple of the Year 2013

# WALTER AND FAYE GERSCH

## BIOS

July 2013

Frances Faye Gersch

Walter started out with a Sears put together bike in 1964. He has had a number of Hondas. He never really got into GWRRA until 2000. He was in the Point Mallard Chapter until they closed and transferred to Huntsville Al-B. He moved here in 1996, when he became my neighbor. I was involved with camping every weekend and only saw him once in a while. He would come to visit my first husband and they always aggravated each other, as good friends usually do. Bob got sick and passed away in January 2009, but Walt was always there to help out in any way. He came to visit me most every day and eventually, he, as well as I, decided that I need to get out. We began going out together in April, and after he came back from Wing Ding in Tulsa, we found that we wanted to be together and began staying together. I told him that he would not leave on the bike again, without me. I rode with him quite often and loved it. It was the first time I had ever been on a bike. I was not afraid. He was a very good driver and still is a good and very thoughtful driver. He had already told everybody in Chapter B about me, so when I was invited to a Chapter meeting, I was just a bit nervous. No need. Everybody accepted me right away and made me feel very comfortable. I had no idea what I was getting into. I thought I would just go for a meal and enjoy the company. Of course, that was not to be. I have gotten so involved with the Chapter and love every minute of it.

We lived together for a while and bought a new house. So we went to the Morgan Co. Court House to get an affidavit stating we were living together for insurance purposes, but they had no idea what we were talking about. I really think they did but I guess they thought we were old enough to know better. We applied for a license and decided to go ahead and get married since we were already there. I became a GWRRA member in **September of 2009 and my life changed right away. So did Walt's. We began attending** meetings and going out to eat with the Chapter. We attended rallies and my first Wing Ding was in Des Moines, Iowa. It was unbelievable how much fun we had. We have been to all the Wing Dings since then and tons of rallies and Chapter gatherings. We have been through most of the levels of training classes. Even the training was fun. Walt and I both learned about the organization which we belong. We did discover, in applying for level 4 that we did not have TRC course updated so we will need to do that soon.

I have every intention of learning to ride the new 2012 Honda Goldwing Trike that we bought in September of 2012. I love riding behind Walter and giving him little hugs and love pats but I do think it is necessary to learn just in case. Continued ...



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When we ride together, I watch his feet when he is shifting gears. I think that is my biggest fear, right now.

**I have moved it from the front yard to the garage, by myself but I wasn't in the right gear but I think I can find it now. I just cannot imagine not being with Walt and traveling on our Wing. Our thanks to the Chapter, and Directors, for all the super training and so much fun. I have made so many new friends throughout GWRRA, some I can't remember names but I do know their faces. My memory is not what it used to be and neither is Walt's, but most times if I can't remember, he can, so we work well together. Walt and I both have changed in many ways, for the better.**

Faye and Walter Gersch





Avery Howard  
Membership Enhancement Coordinator  
**Ride safe.....Ride often.**

June started off with a Fun Day at Chapter Y. Everyone had a lot of fun. The entertainment was outstanding as usual.

On the 15<sup>th</sup> several members went to Memphis on an overnight ride. **Father's** Day was on the 16<sup>th</sup>.

**I hope all the father's had a great day.**

**Chapter J's** Fun Day was on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Walter & Faye entered the Chapter Challenge and took first place. We found a great place to eat on the way back. The food and service was excellent. It was called the Bullpen Steakhouse in Oakman, AL.

On the 29<sup>th</sup> was a moonlight ride and bug run, preceded by dinner at

**O'Bryan's.**

Avery Howard

MEC





Hello again

Another month has past so quickly. We have had another busy month. In June I went to my friends home near Clifton TN. We both are electricians and we wired a large garage for another friend. It took me 2 different trips up there but it was worth it.

Having been past members of Chapter Z in Columbia and having been a former CD of Chapter H in Franklin TN, we decided to go to their joint fun day. Several other Chapter B members traveled with us.

The following weekend we were going to go to Memphis. I started doing a thorough tclocks on the trike on Sunday. I noticed that our front tire was cracked on the sidewall. Luckily I called Midway Cycle in Huntsville on Monday and they had an Pilot active rear tire. I went straight over and had it mounted on the front but with reverse tread. Hopefully this will give us a good ride and longer mileage. The ride to Memphis was a good one and we had some great ribs there.

On the ride home from Memphis Pat and I ran into Mitchell and Judy Johns, our former CDs from Columbia TN. We had dinner together at **"Country Fixins"**. Seems like we do a lot of riding to eat, LOL.

.We had another great ride meeting at **Jake and Kathy's home**. I love watching the two of them heckle each other. We have lots of great rides planned. Wish you had been there, maybe we would be going somewhere that you really would like to ride to.

We also had a great ride up to Lynchburg ,TN. We stayed there long enough to buy my sweetie a new purse and drink 2 glasses of lemonade. Then we rode to the Blue Gill Grill for a good lunch, thanks to Roger for suggesting it.

We are looking forward to the bug run this weekend. We like riding at night. I guess we must, we let Jake talk us into leaving Huntsville at 2am heading to Greenville ,SC for Wing Ding.

Ride safe and often.  
Aaron and Pat Lambert  
Chapter B Educators

Happy 4th July



Technical Corner

Michael Kremer

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# News from Region

## “A”

As we write this, Wing Ding 35 in Greenville, SC is nearly upon us. We hope you've made plans to attend this grand occasion but if you have not, there's still time to do so. Registration forms are in your WingWorld magazine, do it on line or you can just show up and register on site. Wing Ding is GWRRA's premier event, and Wing Ding 35 will be the 19th one we've attended. There's never been one we didn't thoroughly enjoy. Wing Ding is the best Gold Wing event anywhere, bar none. Over 100 vendors, all indoors at the great TD Convention Center in Greenville, SC. Nan and I have attended 2 previous Wing Dings at this venue and it is wonderful. Plenty of parking and just an overall fantastic site. Greenville has really rolled out the welcome mat for us and we know this is going to be a great rally.

Don't forget the International Couple of the Year selection which will be held on Tuesday the 2nd of July from 1:30 PM until 3:30 PM. Our **Region “A” Couple of the year, Dana and Jo Voight** will be competing for the coveted title of International Couple of the Year. Let's turn out and show our support for these guys. The selection is in the Ballroom of the Convention Center. **Region “A” and our five Districts** will be selling tickets and staffing the poker run during Wing Ding 35. If you'd like to have some fun interacting with fellow delegates (it's all inside work in the A/C) selling tickets or working the poker run, please contact your District Director and volunteer a couple of hours. You'll have a great time and earn a volunteer badge and an invite to the after-Wing Ding ice cream social. Nan and I have done it for years and have always enjoyed the job.

We just returned from the Georgia District rally in Dillard, GA held at the famous Dillard House. What a nice rally, held in a beautiful location with the best food you can imagine. Attendance was excellent and there were many good vendors. Nan and I had our bikes pin stripped by TJ & The Boss, and they look great. Tommy and Vicky Martin (GA DD) and their staff did a wonderful job hosting this event. The Bar B Q dinner on Thursday evening was unbelievable and the other festivities were also lots of fun. They are planning on returning to Dillard in 2014 and flyers were distributed. Congratulations to Tommy and Vicky and their entire staff for a really good rally!

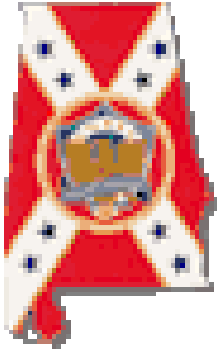
District Directors; please encourage your Chapters to distribute or otherwise make available (electronically) their monthly newsletters to all GWRRA members listed in their respective ARLs for whom they have email addresses. We hope this will encourage those members not actively involved with a Chapter to consider doing so. Active Chapter participants tend to have a better time and remain members of the Association over time. Thanks!

Nan and I hope to see you at Wing Ding 35,

Senior Region “A” Directors

Bob & Nancy Shrader





## -- District Directors

Robert & Gail Brown

This year seems to be on the fast track. It is already June and speeding toward July. We want to thank everyone that participated in the Mad Weekend. Although the weather was really nasty, all of the welcome centers were manned. Gail & I spent time with Chapters U & G. They had the welcome center on Highway 231 just before the Florida State line. This center was busy and many contacts were made. Thanks again to everyone that participated.

Talking of participating, we hope you are getting your "Everyone is a Participant" card signed. This month is full of opportunities to visit because of all the Chapter Fun Days.

Following is a schedule of the dates:

Chapter T is June 1 in McCalla, and they always have a great Fun Day with plenty of surprises.

Chapter L is June 8th. This will be Paul & Gladys Luker's first Fun Day. Round up as many of your chapter members as you can, and go support them. I am sure they will be glad to see everyone.

The Georgia District Rally is back in Dillard this year. It is truly a beautiful place; good places to ride and plenty to do.

June 22 is Chapter J and they will be Rollin' & Rockin'. This should give everyone a chance to get their cards signed and a good motorcycle ride to boot.

Please check the District website for all the information and the location for all of these events.

Once again, thanks for all that you do, and please ride safely when you are out on your bikes. As usual, always enjoy the ride.

***Come ride with Us!***



**June, 2013**

**Sat 29nd** Moonlight ride/bug run meet at Obryan's for dinner @ 7pm

**July 2013**

**Wing Ding first week of July**

**Tuesday the 9th our meeting**

**Sat 13nd** -- Jack Daniel's Distillery Ride.

**Sat 20th** Chapter Ride -- Ride the Amish Country

**Sat 27th** TN, AL, GA Burger Run to Trenton, GA. Meet at Mooresville Shell to leave at 8am.