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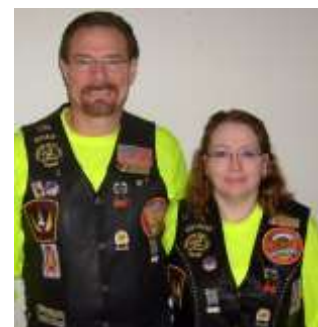
## ***Director Notes***

-- From the Chapter Directors  
Welcome again to another fun filled chapter "B" newsletter from your chapter directors. Wow... This month, just flew by. What is that old saying? When you're having fun, time just flies! Well, Shirley, told me to go ahead and do my newsletter when I got back from the District Convention because I'd probably forget about it and I am not too good about getting these out on time, so I feel fortunate to be able to do this early. I guess the biggest thing that happened this month is the AL, District Convention. With the exception of a little rain going down and coming back, the weather was perfect and, Chapter "B" was recognized as Region "A"'s, Chapter of the Year!!! Congratulations to all the active participants that made this happen, because now we have a shot at becoming the International Chapter of the Year. We also get reserved seating at Wing Ding and the Region "A" Convention, in Eufaula. I'd like to thank all the folks that attended the Alabama District Convention because I guarantee that you can ask anyone that participated, how much fun they had. Chapter "B" and about 25 members attend, and just about everyone either helped out in some part of the convention or participated in the talent show, costume event, or chapter challenge, which we did win something in just about everything. Although Jake and Kathy did not become the Region "A" Couple of the Year, they will always be our very

own couple for 2012 and beyond. I think the bottom line here is that we all had a great time. No matter what we did, we were together, having fun. Jim and Joy Hall, rally first-timers, even won a few neat prizes like an F-4 windshield and some Wing Bling. And what the heck, we were also worn out from having fun at the rally that we all ended up in the hospital. I believe there was so many folks in the hospital this month that we need to start having our chapter meetings at Huntsville Hospital. Well, anyway, the hospital does have a cafeteria and it is in a great location. I just don't think we could convince the healthy members to show up. I really do hope we all get better so we can get out, riding, and get into going to more events and just doing things together. We certainly have a lot of activity on our calendar for this month. Looks like we even have a picnic thrown in there somewhere. And remember, you can always go on the website and add an impromptu ride or event. Probably even a good idea the call some folks up if they don't necessarily get on the website and look that often. I know it probably would not even hurt to have a couple of bug runs in the evening, Friday or Saturday. For those of you that got to attend the Tennessee or South Carolina rallies, we hope you had a great time and got to bring some stories back with you. Well, I'm looking forward to another fun filled chapter meeting this month. I hope to bring in a special guest this

month or next month to speak about self-defense and carrying self- defense protection. This is not just about guns, but also the use of pepper spray and tasers. The reason I thought I would bring this up is because there has been some controversy in chapters about the use of weapons and or bringing them to chapter meetings. We appreciate everyone, for supporting us and your friends, and we're looking forward to seeing you soon.

Thanks,  
Steve & Shirley Kremer





## Faye and Walter Gersch 2013 Couple of the Year



We just want to start off by saying that this **month has flown by and I can't believe it is time** to write again to let you know what has been happening. I do want to relate this to you. **We went to our Gathering at O'Bryan's and had an enjoyable time.** On the way home, we were riding in the middle lane of the Parkway when suddenly the person in the right lane decided he wanted our lane and had no signal or warning. He then moved on over to the left lane with no signal. Walt had to really apply the brakes hard to keep him from hitting us and handled it very efficiently. It could have been a really bad accident, so we, driver and rider, have to keep our eyes open at all times be very watchful

It has been a really busy month. We started off by going on a ride to Gunter'sville State Park on April 6<sup>th</sup>. It was warm and plenty of sunshine. As always, we had to stop and eat at Triple R BarBQ. As usual, we had to stop by Dairy Queen on the way back.

The next week on April 11<sup>th</sup> was the beginning of our District Rally in Mobile. What a great time. Dinner at the Ashbury Hotel and then the Costume Contest. The theme was RocknRoll. Ladies dressed in Poodle skirts, bobby sox and saddle oxfords with the guys in jeans and t shirts with slicked back hair. Chapter AL-B won for our chapter. The talent show on Friday night

was FUN. Our AL-B won 1<sup>st</sup> place and Walt and I won 2<sup>nd</sup> place with our Doggie in the Window. Wow!! We also won Region Chapter of the Year. So proud of that. Jake and Kathy did not win but they sure did a good job and we were there rooting for them. It was close. Larry and Penny Anthony from Chapter T won the District COY.

We have not had much luck with the weather. It was stormy just about all the way back and as a result, Jake got pneumonia and had days in the hospital along with Steven, with an infection **in his foot.** Roy Fosnight's dad had a triple by-pass and Mike Chapman was having problems and admitted to the hospital. Our Chapter Director Steve Kremer had knee surgery. All this in the same week. Hopefully, they are all on the mend now and will be back riding soon.

We have just returned from Spring **Fling in Chattanooga's East Ridge.** It was a very successful rally but again, we had showers off and on Sat. and storms in the wee hours on Sun. Lots of people rode a long way in the heavy downpour. Lots of vendors there selling their goods and of course, we bought a new Bushtec trailer to match our bike. Since we rode up in the car, we had no way to bring it back so we will make a trip to Jacksboro Tenn. on the 17<sup>th</sup> to get the bike and trailer wired up and bring it home. Just so happens they are having Customer Appreciation Day on the 18<sup>th</sup> with free food to enjoy the day. Got to see lots of old friends and family so it was a wonderful time had by us. Looks like next month is going to be busy too,

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starting with the Couples Weekend in Donaldsonville, Georgia. We bought some small rods and reels just for such an occasion so we hope the weather cooperates.

We have had a fun time so far, being Couple of the Year. I did not know I could have so much fun. Walt did though. Hope the weather will clear up soon so we can get on with riding. Guess we should not complain.

Till next time, May God Bless You All and above all HAVE FUN, USE YOUR KNOWLEDGE AND BE SAFE!!!

Till next time. Walt and Faye





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

Well, April has been a busy month. Dinners, rides, and two rallies. Alabama District Rally in Mobile, and Spring Fling in Chattanooga. Then there was also the SC rally in Charleston. Even with the rain on the first day of the Alabama Rally, everyone still seemed to have a lot of fun. Thursday night we had dinner (hot dogs and hamburgers), baked **beans and I don't know what else.** A costume contest followed the dinner.

On Friday there were several **seminars and other events.** And we can't forget about the vendor area. Friday night was the ice cream social followed by the talent show. Alabama Chapter B won 1st Place. Congratulations. Saturday morning was the Crash Scene Response demonstration. Thanks to Mobile Fire and Rescue and to the paramedics who took time to come out and aid in the demonstration. Saturday also saw several events that was judged. Also there was the District and Chapter challenges. Again, Chapter B won 1st place in the Chapter challenge. Congratulations. Then came Statistical Awards and Closing Ceremonies. Afterwards about twenty-seven people **went to Ed's for dinner.** Last but not least was the Oogie Boogie ceremony.

Inducted was Joann Keener, Pat Lambert, Peggy Allen, Judy Shows and a couple from Colorado. Peggy Allen won a Chapter basket. **Congratulations Peggy.** Alabama's own Chapter B was selected as Chapter of the Year and Region A Chapter of the Year.

Spring Fling was almost a repeat of the Alabama Rally. It started raining late Saturday evening. Still, a good time was had by all. The entertainment Saturday afternoon was great. I especially enjoyed the female comedian. Someone by the name of Walter & Faye Gersch bought a matching trailer for their trike. Congratulations Walt & Faye.

**And now it's time to turn our attention** toward Wing Ding 35 in Greenville, SC. This is a great opportunity to see old friends from past Wing Dings and to meet and make new friends. Wing Ding 35 offers a wide range of things to do. Seminars, Rider Education courses, 1st aid classes **and a host of other events.** There's plenty of scenic roads to ride, so grab some friends and enjoy all the mountain scenery. On Saturday **there's an open air market in downtown Greenville.** You don't want to miss out on all the fun and excitement.





### *From your Chapter Educators*

Hello again

Well the Alabama convention has come and gone. Hope all that attended had as much fun as Pat and I did. We could have had lots more fun if we had been able to ride and do some sightseeing while we were there. I think most of you know that while at the rally, a vender checked out our trike and found out that the frame of the trike kit was broken and it was too dangerous to ride. So, for all you trike owners and riders remember TCLOCs and the C is for Chassis, we too have to be more vigilant about checking the trike over.

As I am writing this article we are sitting in my step-daughters living room in Boynton Beach, Florida. The trike builder and owner of Triking Trikes are repairing the trike this week. Their headquarters are in Daytona/ New Smyrna Beach area. They are repairing it at no cost to us. They are making repairs on some other issues that we have had so all in all we are very satisfied with the company.

Most of you have seen the pictures of the swing arm that was on our trike. We **want to thank "Triking Trikes" of Daytona,** for the job they did repairing the swing arm and frame. They also stood by their product fixing some issues I have had for a couple of years now. Thanks again to Michael and his son David.

We want to take this opportunity to thanks Richard and Sue Chapman for bringing us home along with our trike. We must also say a big thank you to Greg and Renee Dempsey, Greg **rode Richards's bike back from** Mobile in the rain and cool weather. We stopped in Prattville for coffee and a bite to eat and we tried to get Greg to stop riding and get in the truck. We could have left our trike there and gone back to get it on our way to

**Daytona but he wouldn't hear** of it. It had stopped raining and he insisted on riding the rest of the way home. I am not sure that I could have done that as cold as I believe he was.

Well with the trike repaired we were able to take it to Tennessee's **Spring Fling so I could assist** with the trike course. We took the trike on our trailer because of the weather forecast. We had 5 couples in the TRC class. One of the couples rode down from Illinois to take the class. We were honored by that. We did have sunny weather for the range portion of the class. I had bought a new straw hat so I could block some of the sun from my head and face. Unfortunately I lost that hat between Huntsville and our hotel room. I know I packed it in the truck **but we still haven't found it.**

Part of my teaching in the TRC now stresses the chassis check

in the tclocks.

When Pat and I left the hotel we noticed an indoor flea market across from **the hotel so we decided to check it out. It wasn't the one advertised in the** Chattanooga flyer that was in our packet. However, we did find what we think was a good deal on 2 pair of chaps. They are heavy leather and we got them **for \$60 each. I am hoping that we won't need them till next fall but the way the** forecast is looking who knows!  
Ride Safe and Often

Aaron & Pat

### Technical Corner

This month is new thing to watch for is the new E15 fuel at the pumps. E15 should not be used in any bike. Here is a list of vehicles that should not use E15:

- All motorcycles
- All vehicles with heavy-duty engines, such as school buses, transit buses, and delivery trucks
- All off-road vehicles, such as boats and snowmobiles
- All engines in off-road equipment, such as lawnmowers and chain saws
- All MY2000 and older cars, light-duty trucks, and medium-duty passenger vehicles (SUVs)

"It is clear that millions of Americans are unfamiliar with E15, which means there is a strong possibility that many may improperly fill up using this gasoline and damage their vehicle," AAA President and CEO Robert Darbelnet tells USA TODAY. "Bringing E15 to the market without adequate safeguards does not responsibly meet the needs of consumers."

BMW, Chrysler, Nissan, Toyota and VW have said their warranties will not cover fuel-related claims caused by E15. Ford, Honda, Kia, Mercedes-Benz and Volvo have said E15 use will void warranties, says Darbelnet, citing potential corrosive damage to fuel lines, gaskets and other engine components.

I personally have not seen any E15 pumps around here, but I have heard other people tell me that they have seen them. As **we travel around going to rally's and other functions in other** states, we need to be aware that it is out there and could be detrimental to the operation of our bikes.

*Michael Kremer*



Registrations continue to pour in and are up substantially compared to last year at this time so be sure to join your friends, and make new ones, at what is bound to be a great event - Wing Ding 35 this July 3-6, 2013 in Greenville, South Carolina!

Welcome Party hosted by the City of Greenville!

4th of July celebration at Charter Amphitheater in Simpsonville - Symphony Orchestra, Light parade, Fireworks, and more!

Vocal Trash Returns!

(SOLD-OUT) J&M Corporation presents Kermet Apio!

More Demo's than ever before!

Pancake fundraiser and morning Grand Parade!

Wing Ding 35 Official T-Shirts!

Much More!

During staging, you can enjoy a pancake breakfast hosted by the Downtown Greenville Airport's Runway Cafe in an effort to raise funds for their new outdoor aviation-themed children's play and exercise park! You can enjoy pancakes, sausage, eggs, juice, and coffee (one trip) for just \$7.00 each to help a good cause! The park project was conceived to fill a need since over 10,000 school children a year used to visit the area's local commercial airport, Greenville-Spartanburg International before 9/11. Now, due to heightened security measures, they can no longer do that. The Greenville Downtown Airport receives many inquiries from large groups that would like to come out to the airport for a tour and this new venue will provide that opportunity to educate the children and let them experience the world of aviation up close! Tickets for the breakfast are available in advance only. Register for Wing Ding online or by calling and be sure to select the breakfast option! Already registered? Simply call GWRRA Member Services at 800-843-9460 and add the breakfast option onto your registration today!

The breakfast is being offered as an option and EVERYONE is welcome to ride in the parade

as we head over to the TD Convention Center just

as the trade show opens at 9:00 a.m.! NEW! Each parade participant will also receive a free commemorative pin!\*

\*While supplies last

## **News from Region "A"**

**The Region "A" rally season continues to roll along, with the successful completion of the Alabama District rally in Mobile, April 11th-13th at the Ashbury Hotel and Suites.** This was an ideal location with all rally attractions located on-site and lots of good eating places within walking distance. There were some 17 quality vendors located in the parking lot close to the hotel offering everything you can imagine. At closing ceremonies a new Bushtec Trailer was raffled off to support Rider Education in the Alabama District. Like Florida, Alabama now has free Rider Ed for its members.

Robert and Gail Brown along with their staff hosted a fantastic rally and are to be congratulated for an excellent effort. They served us a great dinner on Thursday evening, ice cream on Friday and a talent show that was so good that it qualified as professional entertainment. We had some bad weather on Thursday evening, but the worst of it occurred during the night time hours so the rally wasn't affected. Nan was unable to attend due to illness, but I'd like to thank Robert, Gail and the entire Alabama staff for a great rally.

By the way, at the Alabama rally they successfully recruited 6 new members and got 3 more who were expired to renew! Good Job, Alabama!

**We're proud to report that for the entire first quarter of 2013, Region "A"** achieved 100% contacts on all New, Trial and Prospective members. This is quite an accomplishment and we thank our Membership Enhancement folks at all levels. We believe that this process holds the best hope of addressing our membership strength. We all know that we're going to lose members through age, health and financial difficulties so we need to replace as many who leave as we can. Thanks for doing a good job with this.

Our Growth statistics declined slightly in March, but the two previous months had shown positive growth, so we're hopeful that our continued efforts at recruitment (we recruited at a 3.09% rate in March) and contacts of New Members will put us back in the "black" in April. We're certainly trying as hard as we can. Thanks!

As we write this article, we have just returned from the South Carolina District rally in North Charleston on the campus of Charleston Southern University. This was the last rally that Charles and Betty Coleman hosted as SC District Director. They stepped down at closing ceremonies on the 27th and turned the District over to Phil and Judy Stone, who had been Assistant District Directors. This was also be the final rally on the CSU Campus at the Wyndham Hotel. Phil and Judy announced a new location in Florence, SC for the 2014 rally. Their new venue will be the Southeastern Institute of Manufacturing and Technology. There will be two host hotels. Flyers were distributed at closing. Phil and Judy also introduced their new District staff. Some folks from the previous staff stayed on while others stepped down with Charles and Betty.



Nan and I along with the Region staff would like to extend a big Thank You to Charles and Betty for the great job they've done in South Carolina. They will still be in charge of Wing Ding arrangements previously assigned to the SC District by the Home Office to ensure continuity and completion of these matters. At closing ceremonies, Nan and I presented Charles and Betty with their Former rockers (well earned) and a plaque from the Region acknowledging them for their service to GWRRA and the members in SC.

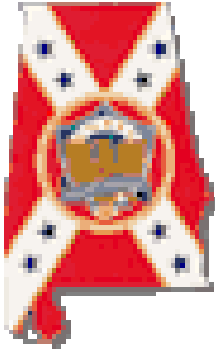
This was a great rally, with good attendance. Food service was provided by the Charleston Southern University campus cafeteria where the service and quality are outstanding. Dinner was served to the delegates there on Thursday evening and delegates who wanted to eat there throughout the rally could purchase inexpensive meal tickets that put you at the head of the line. At closing ceremonies a \$5,000 grand prize was awarded to a lucky delegate. Nan and I really enjoyed ourselves and thank the entire South Carolina staff for a great job hosting this event!

**We hope to see you at a rally in Region "A" soon; Georgia, Wing Ding 35, Region A rally and Mississippi rallies are all coming up within the next few months.**

Bob & Nan



Senior Region "A" Directors  
Bob & Nancy Shrader



-- District Directors

Robert & Gail Brown

Congratulations to our new 2013 District Couple of the Year  
Penny & Larry Anthony



***Come ride with Us!***



**May, 2013**

Saturday **5/4/2013** Ride to the Poke Salad Festival in Arab, AL. Meet at S. Memorial Pkwy Kangaroo to leave at 9:00am

Couple's Weekend in Donaldsonville, GA at Lake Seminole.

Saturday **5/11/2013** Meet at S. Memorial Pkwy Kangaroo to leave at 9:00am for a ride to Bushytail Lake/Bankhead Picnic Area for a scenic ride and picnic.

Saturday **5/18/2013** MAD Day at Ardmore Welcome Center (1st Rest Stop south of state line on I-65) from 12 noon till 4:00pm.

Saturday **5/25/2013** Ride the Lookout Mountain Parkway. Meet at S. Memorial Pkwy Kangaroo to leave at 9:00am.

**June, 2013**