

# Delta Wing Gazette



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**Chapter Couple of the Year**

## MARCH GATHERING

We had another great turnout this month! There were 11 members present and Wesley, Johnny & Mildred's grandson. We also special guests, George & Dore Coinel, Chapter B Couple of the Year. We really appreciate them coming all the way over from Springdale to visit with us.

Rider Ed weekend is coming up next month and it would be great if can get a good group of people going. Remem-

ber, you got to keep your certification up in order to stay compliant with the levels program. Also, next month there are doing a 2 day class called OCP— Officer Certification Program. All chapter directors and assistant directors need to take this class but it is open to anyone especially if you are interested in being in leadership positions.

Don't forget we need to decide on a color for our new shirts. If you have any suggestions please contact

Mildred or Emily ASAP.

We would really like to thank Armored Fire Department for allowing us to use their facility for classroom space for education.

As riding season approaches remember to ride safe and have fun!



## CHAPTER DIRECTORS

What a great turn out for this months gathering. We were so glad to see everyone that came out to enjoy some friendship. We were glad that George & Dore Coinel, Chapter B Couple of the Year took time to ride down and spend time with us. They rode all the way across the state. Of course we were glad that Keith and Sherry come back this month. Always love to have new participates and guest.

We also had a good turnout at this months dinner ride. Everyone got plenty to eat and we had some good company. If you are not going to these events you are really missing out. We all have to eat so why not do it with a group of friends??

We sure miss Bill, Bobby and Theresa at our last couple of gatherings. Hope they

come back soon, and if there is anything we can help with just call. We would love to see the entire chapter participates come to the gathering but we know things come up.

We discussed some of the information that we learned in the OPC program in Mississippi. We strongly encourage each of you to take this program in April when it is offered in Morrilton. We promise you will learn something that will help you be a better leader, get more out of your membership or that you can use in your everyday life. We need a head count for whom will be attending in April so Larry can have the workbooks printed.

Well riding weather is right around the corner. We hope!!! We want to thank Bryan for teaching the LTD

seminars last month, also for giving us the information packet with the history of GWRRA. We appreciate all your hard work and help. This month education day will be rider ed.



### FRIENDS FOR FUN, SAFETY AND KNOWLEDGE!!!!

**Johnny & Mildred Glasscock**  
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## ASSISTANT CHAPTER

**Wow what a turn out! Sorry we missed the dinner ride this month but we had a great time at the meeting. Let's get ready for some rides and also don't forget to tell a friend about GWRRA so we can begin to build our chapter**

**Larry & Marsha Smith**



## ***SAFETY OFFICER***

This month we had several participants talk on safety. Keith discussed the following topic and added a lot of important information about the cost of repairs and how important it is to do a pre-riding check.

### **TOPIC: How Are You Starting This Riding Season?**

Winter is finally gone, so let the riding season begin! Maybe you have recently taken a CPR/First Aid class or a seminar or two during this past off-season. This means you are better prepared to help in case one of your riding buddies has an accident or a health issue, or you are prepared to be a better co-rider. Now you are available to spend more time riding now that the season is here. Hopefully you have also taken time to make sure your motorcycle is ready to go, too. You may have done a T-CLOCS, or changed the oil, replaced worn tires, kept your battery charged, or discovered that you needed a new one and replaced it.

There are other things that you can do to be at your best out on the road, too. Many of us will be out on the road before MSF or GWRRA Rider Courses are offered. So what else can you do to get in the right frame of mind and tune up your skills right away? There are a few things you can do as an individual or in a group (such as with your fellow chapter members) to be prepared to ride safely and with skill before the season is even two weeks old.

First, you can practice your skills in an empty, quiet parking lot with smooth pavement that is free of loose gravel or sand. Find an empty church or a school parking lot, or some unused out-of-the-way space at a shopping center safely away from moving vehicles. Choose a time when it is unlikely to be busy, (e.g., a school lot on Sunday) as your safety is of the utmost importance. Work on braking, turning, curves, stopping while in a curve (remember to straighten the handlebars *before* braking!), and turning when pulling away from a stop. When you practice alone, always remain vigilant to vehicles encroaching on your space.

Second, how about participating in a Parking Lot Practice? Also referred to as a PLP, this is an activity that many Chapters hold at the chapter level. The exercises in a PLP are all spelled out in the Cornering Practice Guide along with tips to execute the skills correctly. Talk to your Chapter Educator about holding a Parking Lot Practice for your chapter, or if there is a Facilitated Parking Lot Practice scheduled near you.

Third, you can attend a Team Riding Seminar. This Rider Ed seminar is available for presentation at your chapter, and may be available at some District rallies. This seminar is particularly good to hold at your chapter because the folks who are normally part of your riding team can all hear the same Team Riding tips. Why would you sit through a Team Riding Seminar? One reason is because most of us ride to various places around the state with our riding friends. And if you know what to expect from the others in your group – your *team* – you will be more likely to trust them. You will trust them because you'll know they are all going to ride safely and predictably in a staggered formation. That is what the Team Riding Seminar provides you.

Getting back to the bike for a minute, if you have new tires on your bike for the new season, know that the tire manufacturers recommend that you take it easy on those tires for the first 50 – 100 miles. That means go easy in the curves and easy on acceleration to prevent slide-outs. The reason is because the surface of the tire will be slickest (slippery) when new. There are a couple of common explanations why, but the result is the same – reduced traction. The rubber will get scuffed and roughed up enough over that distance during normal riding and the tire's grip will improve. Be particularly careful with new tires on painted stripes and metal plates, and all surfaces that are slick even when your tires aren't.

Remember that practice in a parking lot, by yourself or with others, is good for all of us after the long off-season. It is even more beneficial and important if you recently bought a new or used motorcycle. Get to know that new-to-you bike and how it handles in a safe environment. After brushing up your skills, you'll be ready to go out and enjoy a safe riding season!

***Ride Smart & Be Safe!***

Bruce & Melissa Thayer

Former MI Asst. District Rider Educators

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## ***SAFETY OFFICER***

Larry discussed the importance of the headlight modulator and wearing bright clothing. Both of these help us be seen but as always we still have to watch those other drivers, no matter what we do someone will not be paying attention.

Jimmy discussed an article in this month Wing World regarding front-end wobble, this can be caused by tire cupping. So again check your tires before we start riding. And if you develop a wobble be sure you check your tires. We should consider having a different color helmet from your bike for visibility.

Sherry discussed their “pumpkin suites”, orange frog toggs. How these suites was all that could be seen on a trip when a severe rain storm developed. Don’t wear dark, dull colors—it’s hard to see you. Your outer clothing needs to be different colors than your bike and make you stand out.



# The Big Bad Wolf



Well I haven't got to do much this last month. I will be so glad when riding season gets here. I hear a lot of talk about pre-riding checks, riding seminars, new shirts but I just want to ride. I am very anxious to meet Smokey. I know that me, Cocoa and him will be really good friends. Oh well see you on the bike soon!!!!



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## FROM THE COUPLE OF THE YEAR

**Well, it won't be too much longer and the District Rally will be here. Bryan and I are excited to compete again and represent our chapter. Our goal this year is to recruit, recruit, recruit. If we don't start to recruit new members, then our chapter won't grow and may even fail as**

**a chapter. Let's reach out to other goldwingers and get them on board with GWRRA!**

*Bryan & Emily Dunham  
Chapter Couple of the Year  
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*HAPPY BIRTHDAY*

*Larry Smith 3/14*

*HAPPY ANNIVERSARY*

*Bryan & Emily Dunham 3/28*

*GWRRA JOIN DATE*

*Brianna, McKenna, & Christopher Dunham 3/26/09*

*Doyle & Barbara Skaggs 3/2/09*

NEW MEETING TIME &  
PLACE!!!

*GWRRA Chapter W-Blytheville  
Delta Wings  
Meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Month  
At El Acapulco  
On Highway 18  
Eat at 1 pm and meet at 2 pm*

## MEC-MEMBERSHIP AND RECRUITMENT COORDINATOR



March's dinner ride turned out to be very good. We missed some that wasn't there, including myself and Wesley. Wesley was very ill so we stayed home but are sure glad everyone had a good time. We sure were glad that Audrey came with Jimmy. She gave Emily some very helpful information. Hope she comes again soon, hope this crazy group didn't scare her off. Johnny took pictures for me so we will get those posted on the web page. **April Dinner ride will be to Mi Pueblo in Osceola on April 9<sup>th</sup>. Leave the park at 5:30 in car or on bike.**

We discussed the ARL and expirations dates. Johnny & Larry's membership is due to be renewed, they have both gotten their renewal and will be renewing soon. Jimmy has already renewed.

We need to make a decision about our shirts. I believe everyone seems to agree on Orange, now do we want both shirts the same color and which one we are going to order first. The guy that is going to do the riding shirts will do about 5 at a time due to his work schedule but this works out well for us, we don't have to have all the money up front and can order a couple each.

I think that we should order the dress shirts first because we are ordering the riding shirts from region which we can all wear to ride in

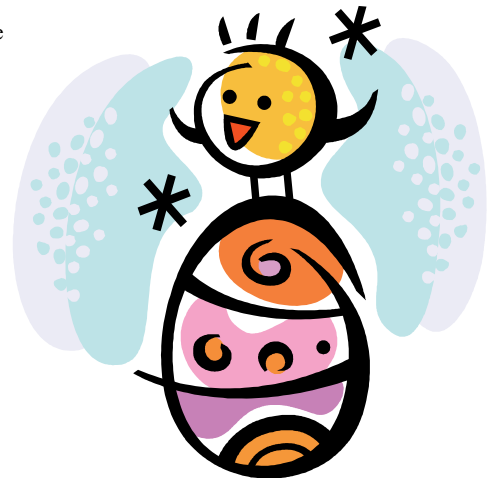
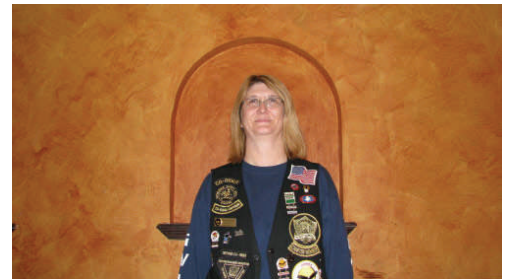
for a while. Of course we can go ahead and order some T-shirts since he can only do a few at a time.

Next if you are going to order a riding shirt from region I need your money and shirt size. Several of you gave me your orders at the monthly gathering now let's get this order in. The safety green color was decided on. Please email or call and bring your money by.

We also need to get our items for our baskets so we can see what else we may need to purchase. Just bring an item that is of same gender. We will have two baskets, one male and one female.

I know this is a lot of things to think about and decisions to be made but we are trying to increase our chapter participation and to look more like a chapter and make some money for the chapter so it just takes a lot of time and decisions. It will all be worth it in the end.

**Mildred Glasscock**  
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# From your ARKANSAS District Directors



Well, we started February out with our hearts open for all of our District and the response was great. We hosted a lunch for all of our couples and all but two chapters were represented and we had past and present representatives from Springdale and Conway. With the District Staff present we had 34 total. After enjoying a great lunch, we had our past Region Couple, Ken and Rhonda Holmes speak about all that they had learned in their journey to the international stage. As they finished our present District Couple Greg and Tina McKinney gave those couples present information concerning resumes for the District selection and also shared some of their experiences

as they have represented our District this year. Many thanks were expressed for the outing, and we thank each of our couples for the work that they are doing in their chapters and for our District.

Our rally is beginning to take shape and we plan on having the schedule out soon, so that you can plan your weekend with us in Rogers, AR. The hotels are listed on the website, and the host hotel is offering us great rooms with a free breakfast for only \$94 a night, the other hotels in town are offering great rates and rooms too. There are many opportunities for our local chapters to get involved and we hope that you are planning on coming and participating.



Our riding season is just around the corner and I hope that each of us are planning where and what we can be involved in this year. I am hoping to have all our local Honda dealerships that can participate listed on the calendar for our membership drives. We will be looking for you!

Remember, If it looks like a good day to ride, it probably is.

Chris and Pam DePriest

# ARKANSAS

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## BY THE BOOK

*By: Dale Wingrove*

*Region H Trainer*

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### **EXPECTATIONS OF GWRRA OFFICERS** Continued.....

11. The District Director will coordinate the collection of charter fees from all Chapters in the District by December 1 of each year. The District Director is to deposit all charter fees into the District account and submit a single check to the Home Office along with a listing of

all active Chapters in the District.

12. Financial reports must contain the required information and any "looming" questions are addressed before the reports are forwarded to the appointing Officer prior to January 31

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of each year. Districts forward the District and Chapters' financials to the Region Director;

Regions forward the Region's financials to the Executive Director. The financial report is to reflect the current balance of your office even if there is no balance or a negative balance; and the Treasurers shall sign the financial reports verifying accuracy. In order to be accepted, financial reports are required to have the financial report cover sheet and equipment list attached. The IRS requires accounting for all income and expenses.

13. The District Director is required to submit to the Region Director a complete copy of their December bank statement when submitting the yearly financial reports. The statements must be issued by the bank holding the account and may be either copies of the statements or printouts from the bank's on-line services. Reports from personal accounting software is not official documentation for this purpose.

14. The District Directors are to work closely with the Region Directors to actively seek out Chapters that may be struggling and help them find ways to thrive. Financial reports with little or no activity are a "red flag" and often indicate that a Chapter is struggling. Helping

a Chapter thrive may include, but is not limited to, finding a new and enthusiastic Chapter Director to champion the cause. Other methods include training of Chapter Directors and Chapter staff on motivating and helping Chapter Members to realize all the Association has to offer and helping those Members to find an area of involvement they enjoy. Chapter leaders must lead by example by participating with other Chapters and Districts, leading rides and planning events for the Chapter Members, and finding ways that involve riding our motorcycles, which is the common bond we all share.

15. Lead by example! You are expected to hold the high ideals of GWRRA. Officers may not embarrass, slander, disrupt or libel GWRRA, the office, fellow Officers or Members. Promote a safe environment and proper rider education by wearing appropriate riding gear (helmet, gloves, long-sleeved shirt or coat, and boots) when riding. Be proud to display and wear the official GWRRA 10" patch. Establish pride in GWRRA; educate and encourage Members to wear the official 10" back patch.

16. Provide a written vehicle of communication (at least monthly) that will keep Region staff and District Officers up-to-date with information that is passed "up or down" from other Officers. A copy of this communication will be provided to all GWRRA Officers of equal or higher office, including the Executive Director. Communication can be the weak link in many organizations but "must" not be in

GWRRA.

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17. Promote Membership growth by contacting new Gold Wing owners, dealers or people recommended to you by Members and Officers. Encourage Members to stay active in GWRRA. Contact expired and inactive Members and encourage them to take advantage of the benefits of belonging to GWRRA. Establish a staff of Officers to promote and execute programs that will assist your office in recruitment and retention of GWRRA Members, as well as other programs that may be established in the future.
18. Make every effort to attend GWRRA business meetings within your Region, District or with national staff whenever attendance is requested. Expenses of attendance are fully reimbursable from your treasury.
19. Promote and use the "TEAM" approach in managing the Region or District. Seek from and share information with your fellow Directors as well as the Executive Director. Be a mentor, coach and trainer to all your supporting Directors! Remember always that we, as Officers of the Association, are here only to serve the Members and the Officers to and for whom we are responsible.
20. You may not solicit personal gifts or special benefits in the performance of GWRRA matters, nor use GWRRA's name, its emblems (logos), or its affairs for personal gain or profit of any sort.
21. You may not allow personal business or financial problems to reflect negatively on GWRRA. If such happens, you will not be allowed to maintain an official GWRRA position.
22. Refer to **Officers' Connection** for monthly up-to-date communications and forms. ([www.gwrro.org/oconnect/](http://www.gwrro.org/oconnect/))



# April 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 April Fool's Day	2	3
4 Easter	5	6	7	8 LA District Rally— Lafayette, LA	9 LA District Rally— Lafayette, LA  Dinner Ride— Mi Pueblo, Os-	10 LA District Rally— Lafayette, LA
11 Chapter W meeting	12	13	14	15	16 Rider Ed Weekend— Morrilton, AR	17 Rider Ed Weekend— Morrilton, AR
18 Rider Ed Weekend— Morrilton, AR	19 Vana Miller's Bday	20	21 Bryan Dunham's Bday	22 Earth Day	23	24 OCP training— Morrilton, AR
25 OCP training— Morrilton, AR	26 Wayne Miller's Bday	27	28	29	30	

# GWRRRA Chapters in Arkansas

<i>CHAPTER</i>	<i>LOCATION</i>	<i>CONTACT /PHONE</i>	<i>MEETING DATE/ TIME</i>	<i>MEETING PLACE</i>
<i>AR-A</i>	<i>Little Rock</i>	<i>David &amp; Deborah Blees (501)847-7512</i>	<i>3rd Saturday Eat 8am Meet 9am</i>	<i>Frontier Diner, LR I-30 W frontage rd near Baseline</i>
<i>AR-B</i>	<i>Springdale</i>	<i>Don &amp; Pam Redinger (479)409-9566</i>	<i>2nd Saturday Eat 9am Meet 10am</i>	<i>Ryan's, Rogers I-540 Exit 85 then 2 miles east</i>
<i>AR-C</i>	<i>Cabot</i>	<i>Larry Fulbright (501)834-2482</i>	<i>1st Saturday Eat 5pm Meet 6 pm</i>	<i>BiDonniss, Cabot</i>
<i>AR-D</i>	<i>Jonesboro</i>	<i>Pending</i>	<i>1st Sunday Eat 1:30 Meet 2:30</i>	<i>Western Sizzlin</i>
<i>AR-E</i>	<i>Hot Springs</i>	<i>David &amp; Nancy Scott (501)701-0830</i>	<i>4th Saturday Eat 9am Meet 10am</i>	<i>Hester's Restaurant Travel Lodge Grand &amp; Central</i>
<i>AR-F</i>	<i>Monticello</i>	<i>Linda &amp; Jerry Laing (870)304-2046</i>	<i>3rd Saturday 5:00 pm</i>	<i>Molly's</i>
<i>AR-H</i>	<i>Batesville</i>	<i>Don &amp; Denise Provence (870)793-4180</i>	<i>2nd Saturday Eat 1pm Meet 2pm</i>	<i>Western Sizzlin 1375 N St. Louis, Batesville</i>
<i>AR-I</i>	<i>Stuttgart</i>	<i>Warren Morris (870)659-3884</i>	<i>2nd Saturday Eat 11am Meet Noon</i>	<i>Western Sizzlin</i>
<i>AR-J</i>	<i>Russellville</i>	<i>Ken &amp; Rhonda Holmes (479)968-5179</i>	<i>1st Saturday Eat Noon Meet 1pm</i>	<i>Western Sizzlin 105 E Main-Hwy 64</i>
<i>AR-L</i>	<i>Conway</i>	<i>Steve &amp; Janet Reed (501)753-8580</i>	<i>3rd Saturday Eat 5pm Meet pm</i>	<i>Annie's Restaurant 814 E Oak St, I-40 &amp; Hwy 64</i>
<i>AR-P</i>	<i>Mountain Home</i>	<i>Mike &amp; Pat Williams (870)488-5466</i>	<i>3rd Saturday Eat 5pm Meet 6</i>	<i>Western Sizzlin Mountain Home</i>
<i>AR-R</i>	<i>Van Buren</i>	<i>Jerry &amp; Diania Nixon (479)650-3735</i>	<i>4th Saturday Eat 9am Meet 10am</i>	<i>Western Sizzlin Van Buren</i>
<i>AR-T</i>	<i>Texarkana</i>	<i>Rob &amp; Linda Gillingham (870)845-8702</i>	<i>1st Saturday Meet 10:00 am</i>	<i>Gander MTN, St Michael Dr &amp; University</i>
<i>AR-W</i>	<i>Blytheville</i>	<i>Johnny &amp; Mildred Glasscock (870)623-4578</i>	<i>2nd Sunday Eat 1 pm Meet 2pm</i>	<i>El Acapulco Hwy 18</i>
<i>AR-X</i>	<i>Clarksville</i>	<i>Clint &amp; Pam Duke (479) 462-1077</i>	<i>4th Saturday Eat 5:00pm</i>	<i>Western Sizzlin Meet 6pm</i>