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The main topic in previous articles written by Kathy and I for the District Newsletter has been about our Convention (Rally). That has been by design; we think our Convention is going to be something special and we want everyone to hear about it. We talk about it every chance we get; I hope nobody gets tired of hearing it because we think it is going to be a great experience.

As most of you know already know our theme is DOIN' CHARLESTON SOUTHERN STYLE. We hope that you will participate in all the activities that we have planned. We are having an Ole time roaring 20's bathing suit contest, you know the kind; Great Grand Paw and Granny used to wear. Then if that isn't enough, we will have a costume contest; the theme for this one will be anything from the Old Plantation Days in Charleston or the Ole Gangster Days. Oh, and don't forget, we are planning for the best Talent Show in the South; folks you don't want to miss this one. From the comments I have been hearing about the different skits that are planned it sounds awesome.

This is just a few of the activities that we have planned for you the members, please don't let us down, come on down to Charleston and get ready. As I have heard (Jim Hodge) a great friend and Gentlemen in his own right say; we are going to treat you so many ways you're bound to like one of them. TIME IS RUNNING OUT SO GET REGISTERED and be a part of the FUN.

We believe that this will be our best year in a long time for the number of vendors we have lined up. We have safety chrome vendors, tire vendors, helmets and headset vendors, just a large variety of anything you might be shopping for. Oh yes, we are giving away gift certificates to be spent with the Vendors.

The weather teased us a little this past weekend, maybe just maybe the season is about to change for the better. With spring in the air the Rally (Conventions) are about to get in high gear, I will list the ones from our Region:



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If you believe in 'Wing Magic' then you will want to be in Florida March 11-13 for their "Gathering of the Wings" this one will be held in Kissimmee, FL.

Alabama is next with a "Ride into the Galaxy" April 1-3. Make your plans now for a Gold Wing Odyssey in Huntsville, AL. You just might want to take a space trip.

Let's all go down to Georgia (The devil made me do it, he's looking for a soul to steal) but we are taking part in their version of American Bandstand in beautiful Hiawassee, GA. This shindig will be June 17 - 19. Let's dance.

Now let's all get real **Patriotic** for the **All AMERICAN HOME COMING**. This is our Region Convention to be held in Eufaula, AL., September 16 - 18 . Everyone should attend this gathering at least once. It will be held on the shores of Lake Eufaula, Lake Point Resort Lodge. It's a great place.

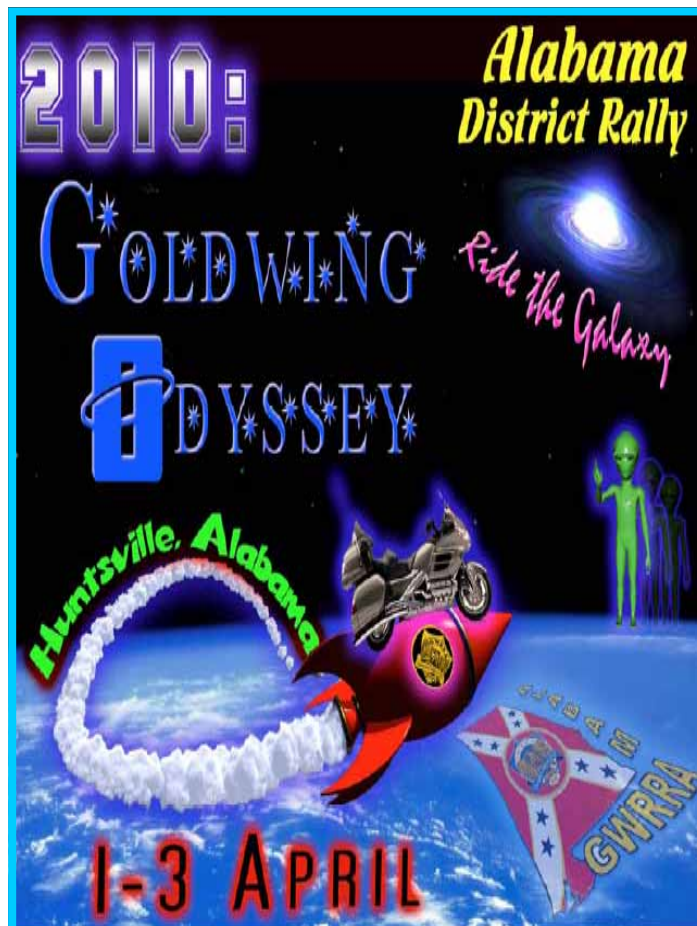
Next with a great theme: The Mississippi District presents The Great American Family Reunion. Everyone is going to pay tribute to the United States of America. Come to Tupelo, Mississippi on October 14 - 16 and be a part of a Great Convention- Rally.

What a tour it will be; but you must not miss "Doin Charleston Southern Style".

I can't think of a better time and place to thank the South Carolina District Team for the great job they are doing. I can truly say that everyone is working hard to make this District the best it can be. Kathy and I are very fortunate to have these folks leading your District. You cannot believe the number of hours they put in every single week. We are all dedicated to making South Carolina District #1 in Region A.

*Charlie & Kathy Coleman*

South Carolina District Directors





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South Carolina will hold its first scheduled Officer Certification Program (OCP) on March 6-7 At Carolina Wings & Ribs in West Columbia and the Second OCP April 24-25 at Carolina Fine Foods, Simpsonville. The training sessions start promptly at 8:00 AM on Saturday and Sunday. The SC District Team will be there in force to lead the state and set the sample. You can get more information on the SC GWRRA Web Page [www.gwrrasc.com/training](http://www.gwrrasc.com/training)

It's a new year of Conventions (rallies) and sessions for getting those motorcycles out and on the road. It's time to meet old and new fellow wingers.

The first Region A Convention (Rally) will be the Florida District Convention (Rally) on March 11-13, 2010, 'Gathering of the Wings' at the Radisson WorldGate Resort, 3011 Maingate Lane, Kissimmee, Florida.

The next on the list will be the Alabama District Convention (Rally), April 1-3, 2010, '2010: GoldWing Odyssey' at the Huntsville Marriott, Space Center, 5 Tranquility Base, Huntsville, Alabama.

Time is getting closer for our South Carolina District Convention (Rally) April 28 - May 1, 2010, "Doin' Charleston Southern Style" at the Wingate by Wyndham, 9280 University Blvd, North Charleston. If you have not registered for the Convention (rally) you need to get busy. We have a lot planned: Wednesday night - Southern Style Hotdog Supper & Roaring 20's Swimsuit Contest, Thursday night - Roaring 20's Costume Contest, Friday night - World Class Talent Show & Lighted Bike Parade, Saturday morning - Bike Show & G-Force Drill Team. Let's not forget all the Leadership and Rider Education seminars. We are looking forward to all the chapter bridges for judging.

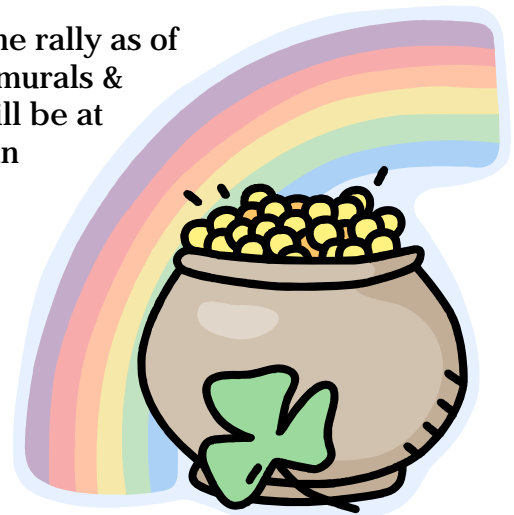
Oh yes, did I say we have 23 plus vendors registered for the rally as of March 1<sup>st</sup>. We will have, for the first time in a long time, a murals & pin striper, Sign & Wonders by Sue, Also, The Engraver will be at the Convention (rally) to make your name badges. You can check the GWRRA-SC Web Page for the updates on rally vendors and other rally information at

[www.gwrrasc.com/scrally](http://www.gwrrasc.com/scrally)

**Have Fun with Friends, and Ride Safe:**

*Buddy & Kim Summer*

**Assistant District Directors**



*Region 'A'*  
*South Carolina District*  
*Convention*  
*April 28 – May 1, 2010*

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**SOUTHERN STYLE**  
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Hello again,

I'm still amazed at just how many folks have not pre-registered yet for our up coming District Convention as I've visited with various chapters throughout the District. Everywhere I go the same question is asked of all in attendance (have you pre-registered for the Convention?). Less than a third present raise their hands when this question is asked.

Another question asked in the past and present is just how many vendors will be there, and the answer is always the same. The vendors will come if attendance at the convention is good. Now some of you may ask why vendor attendance is based on my showing up. Well ask yourself this question, would I want to have a yard sale if I didn't have a reason to believe that many people would come by. Why would I get my entire yard sale items together, set up tables, and get everything looking good if I knew no one would come to buy my items? Now a yard sell is normally held in your own yard, RIGHT! Now think about this, you load up all of your items in the car/truck and haul them 500 miles to the sale at that location. You setup your tables unload all of your items and arrange those items so that they look good to the potential buyers, and you wait, and wait, and wait, but only a couple of people come by to look. Not buy, just to look at what you have hauled 500 miles in hopes to sell.

Folks this is what our vendors are faced with everywhere they go, and so they base where they plan on going with the projected numbers of people to be there. In the past few years the number of vendors at our conventions has fallen off drastically. Why? We stopped supporting our conventions for various reasons, and the bad economy did the rest. However I know for a fact that many of our district members attended Wings over The Smokies this past year rather than support their own district picnic! Many of them attended other districts and spent money

for motels, food, and who knows what, however never gave a thought to supporting their own district events. This is a slap in the face to their fellow district members who attended as many of OUR district events as possible, showing support for their District Staff and fellow Chapter members who worked hard to make these events FUN for everyone who did show up. I know that I sound critical of those who don't fully support our district, and I mean to because IT'S YOUR DISTRICT! Attend your home chapters, attend your own district events, and then think about attending other Districts, and states when possible. Show some Pride in your own district by giving it your full support throughout the year.

Until Next Time

*Jesse Sammons*

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**Membership Enhancement Corner**

Spring is just around the corner, and Ole' Man Winter is loosening his grip. It's about time. Glenn and I are looking forward to hitting the road on our trike. The year has just begun, but South Carolina already has a lot to be proud of. We were the first District in Region "A" to get 100 percent of our January monthly area reports completed. It takes teamwork to get these reports in every month; we appreciate the cooperation of the Chapter Directors and Membership Enhancement Coordinators for helping us to achieve this goal.

The chapter directors who do not have an MEC have to do double duty. They need your help. If you can step up to the challenge, let your CD know that you are willing to help. We will be glad to meet with you and train you in the responsibilities and duties of the MEC.

Bob Greer, our Regional MEC, also sent good news. The five districts in our region all had positive growth and we are tied for second position nationally, which is above the national average. We still need to work on recruiting; we are about average there.

By now you should have received your new Gold Book. Please take the time to explain it to your co-rider. If something happens while you are out on the road, they need to know how to look up the nearest GWRRA member who is willing to help out in a time of need. The Gold Book also has an explanation of the hand signals. Now is a good time to go over them and brush up on them. Both the rider and the co-rider need to know them. Sometimes it is quicker to use the hand signals than it is to use the CB.

We have a schedule for the Membership Enhancement Table for the 2010 South Carolina Rally. We still have three time slots open if you are willing to volunteer two hours of your time at the rally. You can let us know by calling 803-940-1632 or e-mailing bumgarnerg@bellsouth.net.

As the riding season begins,  
Ride safely and have fun!

*Glenn & Donna Bumgarner*  
District MEC

<p><b>GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>SOUTHEAST REGION 'A' RALLY</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>SEP 16, 17, 18, 2010</b></p> <p><b>ALL AMERICAN HOMECOMING</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>NEW LOCATION</b> LAKEPOINT RESORT LODGE &amp; CONVENTION CENTER US-431 NORTH EUFAULA, AL 36072 COMPLETE RENOVATION OF ALL FACILITIES, IT'S NEW</p>
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Howdy Folks,

We hope everyone is getting ready for the SC Convention/Rally. I know we are. Winter is almost over and good ole spring is just around the corner. We are looking forward to all the upcoming events and getting to spend time with our GWRRA family and friends. We hope you all are as pumped up and excited as we are about our Convention in Charleston. We are going to have FUN, FUN, and FUN and can hardly wait to see all the Roaring 20s outfits and also the swimsuits. The talent show will be out of this world too!

Now, of course, what we are most excited about will be the Couple of the Year selection process. We are asking all of you to come to the Chapel on Saturday morning at 9:00 am to support the participating couples. Cheer loud for them to show that South Carolina pride. We are so proud of our couples for stepping up and participating and representing their chapters and South Carolina. We cannot thank them enough for their hard work and dedication to GWRRA, but we can come out to cheer them on, and show our support. Hope to see all of you there; meanwhile we will be on the road visiting anywhere we can before the start of our Convention.

We need the RESUMES for our couples in by March 6. Please send them to Larry & Sandra Kelly, 5006 North Hwy. 101, Taylors, SC 29687. We can be reached at 864-895-2325.

Ride Safe,

*Larry & Sandra Kelly*  
SC District PR/Couple of the Year  
Coordinators



# Officer's Certification Program Announced

*Now Available In South Carolina....*

*March 6-7 at West Columbia - - - April 24-25 at Simpsonville*

*Get Details at [www.gwrrasc.com/training](http://www.gwrrasc.com/training)*

GWRRRA's has developed a new program for our Officers, called the "Officer's Certification Program." With a polling of the membership and officers, this program is what the members asked for. The "T.E.A.M." concept has been instituted and the home office has pledged all officers in GWRRRA will get the tools they need to become "Service Oriented" and focus on taking care of our members. Communications, Team vs Staff, Goal setting and teams for success are just a few of the ideas taught in this program.



GWRRRA has given the task to the Leadership Training Division and a target date of August 31, 2010; to have all Officers Trained in this new Program.

The South Carolina classes will begin soon! Visit the District's Home Page frequently for the class schedule.



Mary Rosselot, Paul Hildebrand and Larry Rosselot at OCP Seminar in Phoenix, AZ

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## MARCH

March is the third month of the year in the Gregorian Calendar, and one of the seven months which are 31 days long.

March in the Southern Hemisphere is the seasonal equivalent of September in the Northern Hemisphere.

The name of March comes from ancient Rome, when March was the first month of the year and named Martius after Mars, the Roman god of war. In Rome, where the climate is Mediterranean, March is the first month of spring, a logical point for the beginning of the year as well as the start of the military campaign season. January became the first month of the calendar year either under King Numa Pompilius (circa 713 BCE) or under the Decemvirs about 450 BCE (Roman writers differ). The numbered year began on March 1 in Russia until the end of the fifteenth century. Great Britain and her colonies continued to use March 25 until 1752, which was when they ultimately adopted the Gregorian calendar. Many other cultures and religions still celebrate the beginning of the New Year in March.

The first equinox of 2010 occurs on March 20 at 5:48am. An equinox occurs twice a year, when the tilt of the Earth's axis is inclined neither away from nor towards the Sun, the Sun being vertically above a point on the Equator. The term equinox can also be used in a broader sense, meaning the date when such a passage happens. The name "equinox" is derived from the Latin *aequus* (equal) and *nox* (night), because around the equinox, the night and day are approximately equally long. It may be better understood to mean that latitudes +L and -L north and south of the equator experience nights of equal length.

At an equinox, the Sun is at one of two opposite points on the celestial sphere where the celestial equator (i.e. declination 0) and ecliptic intersect. These points of intersection are called equinoctial points: the vernal point and the autumnal point. By extension, the term equinox may denote an equinoctial point.

An equinox happens each year at two specific moments in time (rather than two whole days), when there is a location on the Earth's Equator where the centre of the Sun can be observed to be vertically overhead.

Events in March include; American Red Cross Month, Women's History Month, National Reading Day (2), The Ides of March (15), Saint Patrick's Day (17)...

March's birthstone is aquamarine and bloodstone. They mean courage. Its birth flower is the Narcissus.

## The South Carolina District Newsletter

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