

# ELECTRIC CITY WINGS

## Anderson SC-Chapter A



Gold Wing Road Riders Association

### The A Team

Directors-

John and Karen Higgins

Assistant Directors-

Open

Goody Store-

Karen Higgins

Treasurer-

Donna Atkins

MEC-

Frank & Glenda Reynolds

Ride Educator & Motorist Awareness Coordinator-

David Buckallew

COY-

John and Karen Higgins

Newsletter & Webmaster

Michael Atkins

### Monthly Chapter Gathering

Friday, August 12

Gathering 2nd Friday 6:30 at Harbor Inn Seafood, 3301N. Main St. Anderson

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# **District Staff**

## **SC District Directors**

Buddy and Kim Summer

## **Assistant District Directors**

Joe and Brenda Wood

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J.W. & Yolanda Worley (Web Master)

Joe and Brenda Wood

Bill and Judy Dunaway

## **District Educators**

Rich Kitko

## **COY Coordinator**

Mary Coral

## **District Trainers**

Donna and Glenn Bumgarner

## **Membership Enhancement Coordinators**

Rich & Jean Kitko

## **District Treasurer**

Margaret Caughman

## **South Carolina District Couple of the Year**

John and Karen Higgins

## **SC Goodie Shoppe**

Judy Stone

## **South Carolina District Ambassador**

Steve Smith

## **South Carolina Photographer**

Glenn Bumgarner

## **Couple of The Year**

Jeff and Lisa Duffey

## **Webmaster**

Ed Porter

# **Region A Staff**

## **Directors**

Jim & Sue Jackson

## **Assistant Director**

Ed Porter

## **Ride Educator**

Mike and Mary Coral

## **Membership Enhancement Coordinators**

Rick & Madalena Buck

## **Trainer/Cordinator**

Roy and Anita Fosnight Jr.

## **Treasurer**

Linda & David Snyder

## **MEC & COY/CHOY Coordinators**

Rick & Madalena Buck

## **MAD Coordinators**

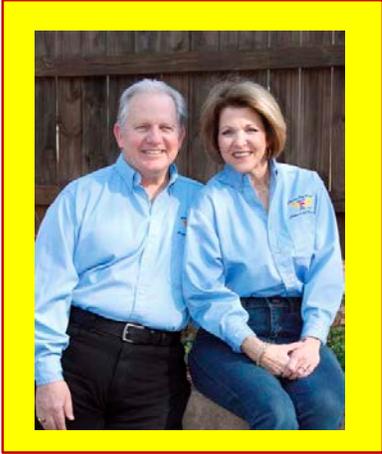
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## Chapter "A" Directors, John and Karen Higgins



Hot enough for ya? It's been so hot, I had squash that was exposed to direct sunshine in my garden actually boil to mush under the skin. Now that's a hot mess. So it's no surprise that the riding has been down. My suggestion is to have breakfast rides or go places in cars. There is no need to risk getting overheated just to put a notch on your bedpost to say you rode. If you have any suggestions for rides or visit locations, by all means, pass them on the Dennis. He is always open to new spots to check out.

I want to thank everyone that helped at the SC Rally we had last week. Many Chapter A members helped the rally be a success. Chapter A, manned registration tables, ticket sales tables, games, hospitality, Membership Enhancement tables, led seminars, and led a 3+ hour ride for our visitors. A big thank you to all for helping make our visitors welcome. I also wanted to pass on a big shout out for Justin Dixon. One of the district team member made a point of commenting on how helpful he was during the rally.

As you may or may not be aware of, the District Plaque Attack is temporarily suspended till the end of the year. The District Team, based on chapter feedback, is reviewing suggested options to modify the program. We'll pass on any news as it becomes available. Until then, I would like to encourage Chapter visits. It's probably one of the most enjoyable things we do, and I know I would like to do more.

And last but not least, Karen and I are most grateful to you all for your support of us as your Couple of the Year. We'll do our best to represent Chapter A at the Regional Rally in Eufaula, in a way to make you guys proud.

Ride safe, and ride often,

John & Karen

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## Chapter "A" MEC's, Frank and Glenda Reynolds



Hello August Riders,  
We are hoping for the weather to get a little cooler soon so it won't be too hot to ride. It was good for Anderson to host our Rally. If you didn't get to attend, you missed a treat. There was fun and fellowship, good vendors, and great food. Thanks to all that made it possible. Please be reminded to keep your GWRRA dues paid... Ride safe.

Have fun.  
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## Chapter "A" Rider Education, David Buckallew



### Stay Cool

It's not always possible to avoid riding when the temperatures reach triple digits, and even with temperatures hovering between 90-98 Fahrenheit the combination of high humidity exposes the rider to dangerous heat stress. The best course of action may be to wear long sleeves (if possible at least one size bigger than your normal size), especially on rides where the temperatures reach north of 98 degrees. Our body is wonderfully adapted when it comes to keeping us cool. We can cool off a lot easier than we can warm up. Motorcyclist however, are at a disadvantage when it comes to cooling because in extreme heat, the wind is not our friend. Temperatures over 100 degrees turn the environment around our motorcycle into a convection oven. Strong winds, even as low as 35 mph, snatches away our perspiration before it has had time to cool our skin, leaving us dehydrated and hot. Add to that the radiant effect of sunlight on uncovered skin (such as wearing thin t-shirt, tank top or no shirt) and serious sun burn isn't far behind. Sylvia Cochran, of US Rider News says her trips to South Dakota for the Sturgis rally has given her a much better appreciation for the damaging effects of extended sunlight and 80 mph winds on the face and arms. "In only a few hours of interstate riding you get a nice farmer's tan and your skin starts to feel really cooked." Says Cochran. "I started wearing long sleeve technical style shirts that runners wear. They're made with a cotten/synthetic blend that keeps sunlight off your skin, but the fabric is breathable so you can feel the sweat cooling your skin as it evaporates." Cochran adds that she also wears a full face hybrid flip style helmet and evaporative vest on long hot rides.



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### Stay Cool (Continued)

"The vest helps lower your core temperature. But to maximize its benefit it must be worn next to the skin preferably under a light-weight vented or perforated jacket." She said "At every gas stop I usually buy two bottles of water and drink one, and use the other to soak my vest before getting back on the bike. The stares of disbelief as she slips on a jacket in 100+ temperatures are priceless but there's almost always another motorcyclist who tells her that they do the same thing." "I'm more surprised at those riders who don't understand this will keep you cooler than just a thin t-shirt." The bottom line is when the temperature reaches triple digits, try to keep as much of your skin covered as possible and to drink fluids at every gas stop while cooling in the shade or inside the store. Riding through Hell is never fun, but at least it gives you something to talk about at your next bike night!

Mentally ride far enough ahead to avoid making any snap decisions.

**David and Sylvia Buckallew**



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## Chapter "A" Ride Coordinator, Dennis Nelson



Well summer is here. Looks like it's going to be a hot one. Rides are scheduled during the summer and I appreciate everyone participating in the ideas. We have a picnic ride scheduled for Jul9. Hope to see you there. Don't forget to ask for your coins.

Aug13-King's Mountain (if we stay off interstate 3hour ride up and back)  
Aug27-PA or lunch ride

Sep10- Boll Wevil  
Sep24-PA or lunch ride

Oct8- Laurel & Hardy  
Oct22- PA or lunch ride

Nov12- move to Toy ride  
Nov26-Thanksgiving

Dec- Christmas

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# Upcoming Events

Aug 12 Chapter Gathering

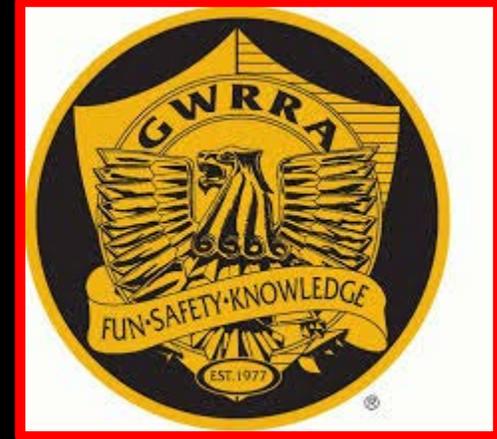
Aug 13 Chapter Ride

Cluck

Dennis Nelson

Dandy

Open



The Plaque Attack will be suspended until the Officers Meeting in Jan.

The plaque attack location and time will be announced soon.

## BIRTHDAY'S

Michael Atkins- Aug4

Deanna Dixon- Aug5

Yolanda Worley- Aug15

## ANNIVERSARY'S

No Anniversary's in August

## Region A Conventions 2015

Oct 27-29 2016 Eufaula,AL