

Chapter Couple of The Year
"Job Description"
Just have FUN!

Okay, so we all know the routine, just take this position, you do not have to do anything. Well the truth is all of us have to do nothing in every position we accept.

Simple, do nothing, accomplish nothing, receive nothing, BUT, if you have FUN, you and everyone around you will have FUN and that is what GWRRA is all about. "FUN for EVERYONE"

So what do you have to do? Just do exactly what you have been doing all along, that is the reason you were selected to represent your chapter by your friends because of what YOU have done for the chapter.

The difference, you have received a very special honor from your friends, it is recognition for all you do for them and the chapter, it is your "GIFT CERTIFICATE".

In a volunteer organization everyone thrives on "praise and recognition" in addition it energizes us much the same as Spinach does for Popeye the sailorman.

We were fun before, now we are FUN on steroids, and most of us want to do even more to bring fun and raise the level of pride within our chapters.

Back to that "job description" no better back to the FUN description that is your goal as Chapter Couple to increase the involvement of members in chapter events. Create the enthusiasm to energize your friends and fellow members and help make each dinner run, ice cream treat, chapter ride or training session the best it can be.

You are the ambassadors for your friends, you are folks that greet everyone at the gathering, welcome them to rides and let them know how much you enjoy seeing them. It is you that wears a vest with your medals and pins and patches and answers the questions newcomers have about why you wear them and what is it all about. It is you that gets the most out of GWRRA, because it is you that gets to meet all the new folks. It is your JOB to share them with the rest of your chapter and make them feel not only welcome but needed when they attend your gathering.

The Gold Wing Road Riders Association is an International motorcycle association, the only one that promotes "safety" and supports with educational courses and training, we are very proud of that fact. But it is also a very social organization, friends for FUN, and that is all you have to do is have fun. Having FUN is contagious, if you have it, people around you will also have FUN.

There is a very special bond that exists among all Couples of The Year. We all started as Chapter Couples, and regardless of our decisions to go for District Couple or further, all of us have a special feeling for the program and one another, you also will find that special bond.

When you go out visiting chapters within your districts you will be joined by chapter members and friends that are going to support you, in the end they will also be winners, they will increase their level of involvement, which will result in them having more FUN. This is the key to growing your chapter.

And now you know your "job description" make more friends, grow your chapter, have more FUN.

Supporting your chapter by wearing chapter colors, proudly displaying your vest, attending functions and training sessions are the ways of leading by example. When your fellow members see how much enjoyment and pleasure as well as attention you receive as the Chapter Couple they will also be supportive of the Couple of The Year Program. Next year, while they may not say anything, but thru their actions your Chapter Director will know they are a good candidates to become the next Couple of The Year.

I did not mention, it is in your "job description" also to create a further interest and participation in the Couple of the year program.

So just like I said, you do not have to do anything, just have FUN!

Of course if you should decide that it was a wonderful experience representing your chapter (which you will) and you simply want to have even more FUN and make more friends you may decide to step up to become District Couple of The Year.

I have not lied to you yet and will not start to now, so I have to be honest, if you decide to enter into the selection process for District Couple you do have a few things you must do, no "free rides". You must make an outline of what positions you have held, training and educational events you have taken as well as what events you have attended from present to the past 5 years. Once you make the commitment to be involved, you as well as your chapter and District are automatic winners. Involvement creates energy, which leads to enthusiasm, which relates to FUN. And FUN is after all what our organization is all about, and yes safety and knowledge. But remember without FUN, we have nothing.

SO now you have an idea of what is expected of you, in short it is your job to have FUN.

First of all CONGRATULATIONS for being selected Chapter Couple, and Thank You for making Gold Wing Road Riders Association a FUN place for all of us.

Remember, "There are no strangers in G.W.R.R.A., simply Friends we have not met yet".

Ride Safe! Have Fun!

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