

Member Spotlight...

John and Wanda Osborn



John was born and raised in California and was in the Air Force stationed in South Carolina when he met Wanda. Wanda grew up on a farm in South Georgia. We met on a blind date in December 1968 and the rest is history.

We have been married for 35 years and have three daughters and two grandchildren-twins. To complete our family, we can't forget the two dogs and two cats the girls have left behind as they moved away.

With John serving 20 years in the Air Force, the Osborns have lived in quiet a few different places. Our first home was in Massachusetts, then on to California, Florida, Alaska, Hawaii, Nevada, and Texas. We returned to Texas in 2001 with John's job. John works for PMI, a contracting company and travels quiet often. Wanda is employed with Austin Telco FCU. Both are looking

forward to retiring in a couple of years so we can get in more riding time.

After starting our family, motorcycles were not in the budget for the next 25 years. In 1997 we purchased our first Gold Wing, a 1978 that had not ran for over five years and discovered that it had a broken connecting rod. We purchased a 1975 GL 1000 Limited that had broken timing belts and used parts from the 1978 we made one good motorcycle. Since then we have upgraded to a 1985 GL 1200, to a 1993 GL 1500 and now a 2006 GL 1800. Since we upgraded to the GL 1200 and GL 1500, we have increased our riding through GWRRA. We were selected as Chapter O's Couple of the Year for 2004.

We enjoy going to all forms of racing, and try to go to several races each year. We also enjoy camping with our Toy Box trailer taking the bike along. John's hobbies include working on his old cars and motorcycles and woodworking. Wanda's hobbies include spoiling the grandkids, reading, woodworking, and cross-stitch.

GWRRA Involvement - we joined GWRRA in 1998 in California. We have been involved with our local chapter for the past four years and became involved where we could. We assisted selling 50/50 tickets, met, and greeted visitors, and when our Chapter Director asked us if we would like to be in charge of Ways and Means, we were ecstatic and naturally we accepted. We have also had the honor as serving as Couple of The Year for 2003 – 2004. Rider Education Involvement - Advanced Rider Course with co-rider Level II