

## **Member Spotlight**

### **Jack Dowda & Linda Brackeen**

Jack was born in San Antonio, TX on 15 August 1941. He has 7 brothers and 1 sister. He attended school at LaCoste Southwest High School. In 1958 He started to work at C & L Cycle, where he worked on motorcycles. He served in the US Navy for 6 years. Was stationed aboard the USS Deliver ARS 23 and the USS Ponchatoula A0148, was on both ships out of Pearl Harbor. Made 5 trips to the Far East and Vietnam. He got discharged from the Navy in 1967. While in Hawaii he bought his first motorcycle, a Honda 250 Scrambler. After his roommate wrecked that bike, he got a Honda 305S Scrambler and later a 305 Super Hawk. After he got discharged from the Navy, he moved to New Iberia LA, where he met and married his first wife Mary. While married he adopted her 2 children and had 1 daughter. During his time he had a Honda 165, 175, 200, and 350. He spent a lot of time in the dirt and on backwoods. He got divorced from Mary in 1978. Got remarried to his second wife Dorothy in 1980 and divorced in 1999. He then got a Honda 550-4. He restored it and found out that he wanted to restore older Hondas and sell them. After retiring in 2003, he bought 25-30 more bikes, fixed and sold them. He bought his first Goldwing in 2007. It was a 1978 GL1000 with just over 17,000 miles on the clock. In July 2009 he bought a 1986 Aspencade. In 2001 he met Linda and has been with her since. Joined GWRRA in 2007. Has been on a number of rides, enjoys everyone's company, has made many lifelong friends and looks forward to enjoying the couple of the year for 2010.

Linda was born 21 May 1964 in Madison Heights, MI. Moved to L'Anse MI in 1972 and lived there until she was 21 years old. She graduated from L'Anse High School in 1983 and graduated from Suomi College with an Associate Degree in General Studies in 1986. She enlisted in the US Army on 21 May 1986 and stayed in for 14 years. While in, I was stationed at the 121st Evac Hosp in Seoul Korea 1986-1987. Ft Detrick, MD USAMMA 1987-1991. 97th Gen Hosp in Frankfurt Germany 1991-1994. 147th Medlog Battalion, Ft. Sam Houston, TX where I was honorably discharged. I have spent 6 months in Port-au-Prince Haiti on a UN Mission, 30 days in Panama on a combat mission, and 7 months in Saudi Arabia for Desert Shield and Desert Storm. I have worked in warehouse environment for 25 years. I love to read, walk, hang out with friends, and be with Jack. I joined the GWRRA in November 2007 and love every minute of it. I hope that Jack and I represent the chapter well while we are chapter Couple of the year.