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NO PLACE BETTER THAN GEORGIA

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Is there any place to live better than Georgia? Sunday afternoon Rhonda and I decided to see if my hand had healed enough for a ride. Just going to the end of the drive caused some pain, but not enough to make me turn back.

With only a few hours to ride, we decided not to venture very far. It is amazing how much we take for granted...things that are in our own backyard...beautiful hills, curves and leaves starting to change colors. The sky was clear and the weather warm.

While enjoying Mother Nature to her fullest, I took time to reflect upon her devastating impact around the country....hurricanes that hit Florida and Alabama; the rain, mud slides, and now, early snow falls in the west. Soon our friends north of us will be suffering from PMS (Parked Motorcycle Syndrome) while they wait for the spring thaw. I then thanked God for living in Georgia where the vast majority of the year, we have wonderful, kind weather.

All predictions are that we will also have great weather for Wind Down on the 13th of November in Albany. As you will see elsewhere in this newsletter, there are TONS of things to do in the southwest Georgia area and we look forward to seeing everyone there. Please REMEMBER TO BRING H O M E M A D E GOODIES for desserts.



After Wind Down, most of us will be busy with family during the holiday season. January will find us enjoying the first official District Event for 2005...Chilly Willy and the Officers Conference on the 15th & 16th.

This year we will be going to a new loca-



tion for Chilly Willy...the Garden Patch in Barnesville. Within the past few months, I have eaten there without the owner knowing I was going to visit and have not been disappointed in the food yet. The restaurant is large enough to seat most everyone at one time.

Even if we must get up and let others sit down to eat, it is large enough that we can all stay inside. I have talked with the owner and he assures me that they can handle the crowd. He has offered us four meats, seven to eight vegetables, salad bar, two to three desserts, and beverage for \$7.25 plus tax. The restaurant is conveniently located on Hwy 41/341 in Barnesville, just north of Hwy. 18...more direction next month.

After lunch, the Chapter Officers will take a short ride down Hwy 41 to Forsyth Holiday Inn for the Officers Conference. All CDs and ACDs are STRONGLY urged to attend this two day event (Saturday afternoon and Sunday) even if you must change your monthly meeting! The latest information that has come from Phoenix and a variety of other topics that will help us all make running the Chapter easier and MORE FUN.

Chapter Rider Educators and Chapter Treasurers will also have meeting on Saturday with their respective District staff members. Chuck Reed and Danny Mackey will inform CREs of new issues in Rider Ed. Greg Bailey will help all Chapter treasurers understand the book-keeping involved and will have some helpful tips to keep the Chapter treasurer's job much easier all year long. These people will be dismissed after their sessions on Saturday.

If your Chapter treasury is strong enough, Chapter funds can be used to help offset expenses. You can call 1-478-994-5691 to make reservations at the Holiday Inn...let them know you are with the Georgia GWRRRA. The room rate is \$65 + tax and include 2 full breakfasts.

Just Some Random Thoughts To Go With Your Cup Of Coffee . . .

Seen any deer lately? Apparently some folks have! So far this year, 17 deaths have been recorded caused by deer incidents. Last year, according to the Department of Public Safety, Georgia had 10,343 collisions with deer!! This resulted in 719 injuries and 4 deaths! The random thought here is, Slow Down at Night!



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Do “deer alerts” work? I do not know. All I know, is everyone I know that has had an accident involving deer, had deer alerts on their motorcycle. So, do they work? Do they scare them away or do they attract them?

How many Level 2, 3, and 4 folks out there, have not yet renewed their Rider Ed Levels for the coming year? (Yes, you do need to renew EVERY year!)



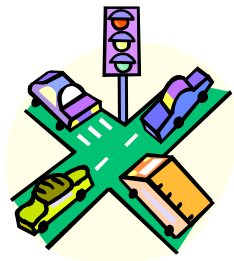
How many Chapters have not yet had a Parking Lot Program (PLP) exercise? (It helps with being current on your Riding Course for the renewals)

After you have washed and otherwise cleaned your Wing, how long does it take for a bug to hit your windshield?

Tire pressure. What are the Manufactures recommended tire pressure for the type tire you have on your motorcycle and what do you actually put in them?

How many times can you drop a helmet on the pavement before it loses its' effectiveness and needs to be replaced?

How about fuses? Manufacturers manual say, i.e. Use 5 Amp Fuse. So yours has blown 3 times. I'll fix this problem, I'll put in a 10 Amp Fuse!! Wonder why it blew 3 times before . . .?



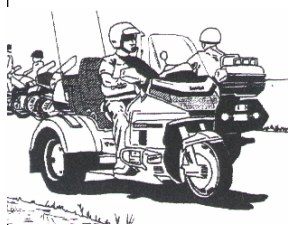
Do thermal long johns and thermal socks really work?

Intersections are always a dangerous place. Be careful. Just because you have the legal right of way, does not mean that 4-wheeler is going to give it to you. Kind of like the bug and the windshield, they did not “see” you, until they hit you . . . !

Is there any difference between cream or milk in your coffee? Speaking of which, I am going to go have another cup of coffee (without either cream or milk)

And as always, always be watchful for the unwatchful

Chuck and Anne Reed
Georgia District Educators



GWRRA TRIKE SIG

Hi All,

Well, after only six months on the job as your District Trike SIG Reps, we've been "kicked upstairs". Effective November 1, Doug and I have the dubious distinction of assuming the duties as Region "A" Trike SIG Reps. The immediate impact of this is that we need to fill the position of Georgia District Trike SIG Rep, as well as find an Assistant Rep or possibly two. Now's the chance you've all been waiting for.....to volunteer. Hey, long hours, hard work and no pay, just a typical volunteer leadership position. There really is no downside. Seriously, anyone interested in stepping forward and helping out, contact us asap.

Chapter Directors and staffs...PLEASE encourage your membership who ride trikes to register with the SIG. Anyone who has not received any correspondence from us, please contact us with your correct information.

Trike SIG should not be confused with any other Trike organization, as **we** are part of GWRRA. We act in conjunction with GWRRA. Our goal is to unite trikers with other trikers (with whom we have something in common).

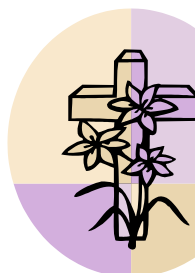
Since we are already GWRRA members, Trike SIG costs nothing to join; members simply fill out the registration, forward it to us, and you're in. Kind of like being on an e-mail or mailing list, but we'll never try to sell you anything, just keep you informed of the good stuff. Our e-mail address is sdjawjariders@bellsouth.net. Our snail mail address is 705 Alston St., Richland, Ga. 31825, and our phone number is 229-887-0163. You can also register on-line thru the GWRRA website.

A number of years ago, there was considerable controversy occurring within a chapter when the Chapter Educator stated "Trikes should ride in their own group". We're not sure what his reasoning was, but the trikers almost started a war. In many ways we can agree with his statement. Think about it.....Trikes are not as maneuverable as bikes, (2) they don't accelerate as fast, and (3) they stop a whole lot faster. When on my two-

wheeler, we don't care to ride behind a trike (reason #2). When on my trike, we don't want a bike behind me (reason #3). As former Chapter Directors and Educators, we always tried to arrange our group rides so that we either had a group of "trikes only", if there were three or more trikes on the ride, or so that our trikes were the group "mud flap". (Some folks refer to it as "tail gunner".) We had to ensure that all of our trikers were Road Captains, but this course is readily available and well worth the time spent. Think it over before your next chapter dinner ride. Maybe we can all meet at Wind Down, November 13th, at the Albany Civic Center. Please don't be shy, stop us and say hello.

Ride Safe,
Sandy and Doug Gray

Christian Sympathy is extended to...



Mrs. Pat Olsen on the sudden death of her husband, Ole. Ole and Pat are former members of GA-L, Rome.

Tom & Ellen Jeanes on the still birth of one of their twin granddaughters.

Among Our Sick:

Dolly Chatel, Asst. District Director
Dave & Sharon Aikens, GA-Q CD
Lonnie & Carol Parham, GA-B2



SAY WHAT???



The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement.

How is it one careless match can start a forest fire, but it takes a whole box to start a campfire?

PLACES OF INTEREST AND LODGING FOR WIND DOWN

Since Wind Down is the last event of the season, why not make a weekend of it? Come on down to Southwest Georgia and enjoy some of the local sights and visit some of the local tourist attractions. The Parks at Chehaw features camping, bike, nature and hiking trails, fishing, and the Chehaw Wild Animal Park. Veterans Park, located directly adjacent the Albany Civic Center, has a Vietnam War Memorial dedicated to



the men from the local area who died in that conflict. Located just blocks from the Civic Center is the newly opened SeaQuarium that features various types of sea life, museum, and botanical garden. The Thronateeska Heritage Center also located just blocks from the Civic Center is listed on the National Register of Historic Places includes 1912 brick streets, an 1857 train depot, the Thronateeska Heritage Museum, the Wetherbee Planetarium and a model railroad museum. If



you feel like venturing a little further from Albany, Providence Canyon, Georgia's "Little Grand Canyon" is located just west of Lumpkin, Georgia about 70 Miles from Albany. The home of former President Jimmy Carter located in Plains is just 40 miles from Albany. Just 50 miles from Albany is the Kolomoki Mounds

State Park. It has seven earthen mounts built in the 12th and 13th centuries by the Swift Creek and Weeden Island Indians. Also located in the park is Georgia's oldest great temple mound, two burial mounds and four ceremonial mounds. The park museum is partially situated inside an excavated mound where you can see artifacts and a film. So make a fall vacation out of it and come spend the weekend with us and enjoy Southwest Georgia. If you would like directions to any of these locations, please contact Bill and Betty Livingston at (229)889-1705, or email at livingstonb@netzero.net.

Hotels

Best Western
2729 Pointe North Blvd (Across from Albany Mall)
Albany, GA 31707
229-446-2001
King/Doubles \$55.00 (No Discount)
Must give a credit card number to hold rooms
POC: Luciana Jones



Wingate Inn
2735 Dawson Road (Across from Albany Mall)
Albany, GA 31707
229-883-9800
King/Doubles \$65.00 (No Discount)
POC: Cindy Montgomery

Hampton Inn
806 North Westover Blvd (Near Albany Mall)
Albany, GA 31707
229-883-3300
King/Doubles \$57.00 (Internet price \$56.70/No Discount)
POC: Kelli Halstead



Holiday Inn
2701 Dawson Road (Across from Albany Mall)
Albany, GA 31707
229-883-8100
King/Doubles \$55.00 Rates good until 25 Oct
POC: Julie Adams

Camping

Parks At Chehaw
Philema Road
Albany, GA 31701
229-430-5275
50 Sites water and electricity only/comfort stations/50 and 30 amp service \$15.00 per night (\$13.00 seniors over 62)/tent camp sites \$10.00 (the manager said the motorcycle campers may be considered tents – he would have to look at them to determine. Very nice camp grounds.
POC: Ben Kirkland



Albany RV Resort
1202 Liberty Expressway (US 19 South of Albany)
Albany, GA 31705
800-282-4291 or 229-435-5852
74 Sites, Water, sewage, electric, cable. Register at RV Specialties next to camp grounds.
No specific POC

UPCOMING EVENTS



November 13 - Wind Down, 10 AM—3 PM, Civic Center, Albany. Take I-75S to Exit 99 (Hwy. 300) to Albany. Right on Business 82 until you see the Civic Center on your left. Contact Rick Stephens at 770.562.3277 or stephensrick@bellsouth.net or Bill Livingston at 229.889.1705.

November 20— GA-H2 Santa's Toy Run. Meet @ Po-Jos's Truck Stop, North of I-16 on Hwy. 301S between Statesboro and Claxton. Bring a \$10 unwrapped toy or monetary donation and join the escorting of Santa to the Statesboro Mall. Contact Linwood McNure at 912.587.9794 or linsara@bulloch.net

January 15, 2005—Chilly Willy to be held at the Garden Patch Restaurant on US Hwy. 341 and Southland Drive in Barnesville.

January 15-16, 2005 - Chapter Officers Meeting will be held following the Chilly Willy at the Holiday Inn in Forsyth. Call 1-478-994-5691 to make reservations.

Your Chapter event is not sanctioned by GWRRA without District approval. To confirm a date for your event, call Rick and Rhonda for verbal approval.

Once your date is approved, send your activity request form and event flyer to the District Director. If there are any changes or revisions, these requests should also be directed to the District Director.

A Chapter may not appear on the annual event schedule more than once at any one time. Chapters desiring to host more than one event in a year must wait until the first event has happened before requesting a second date.

Visitation Header Pin Contest

Well, several of you said that you wanted a new Header Pin for the District and a few of you sent in some designs.

We will pass our entries to the judges and hopefully, we will be able to make some announcement very soon. If there are any other entries out there, you should have mailed them YESTERDAY!!



Get registered for 2005 Wing Fling!

Georgia's Travelers Plaque



Congratulations to GA-K's CD, Joe Yother, and his group for capturing the Traveler's Plaque from Dublin on Thursday, Oct. 28. Joe and Colleen have put the plaque up for grabs ONE LAST TIME at their next monthly meeting in Kingsland before Wind Down. Call Joe at 912-729-6379 or e-mail him at JYOTHER@TDS.NET

The Chapter that gets it from them will bring it to Albany and take the 2005 Plaque home to start the process all over again! Remember, during December, January, and February, the Plaque can be captured by riding in a car.

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Thanks to all the Chapter Couples of the Year who represented their Chapters during the 2004 year:

GA-A	Bob & Bonnie McCroskey
GA-A2	Chuck & BJ Hohman
GA-B2	Bob & Marlene Campbell
GA-C	Ray & Kathy Potter
GA-D	Richard Blackwell & Luz Calero
GA-D2	James & Lynda Quarles
GA-E	Chris & Shannon Adams
GA-E2	JJ & Marcia Etzell
GA-G	Rich & Sallie Curtis
GA-H	John & Sheila Andrews
GA-J	Jack & June Gottlieb
GA-L	Eddie & Judy Graham
GA-O	Barry Owens & Barbara Dixon
GA-P	Keith & Sharon Burkingstock
GA-S	Jim & Laura Courtney
GA-T	Ronnie & Joy Ogletree
GA-V	James Cochran & Mary Christopher
GA-W	Dennis Gapinski & Donna Nealey

