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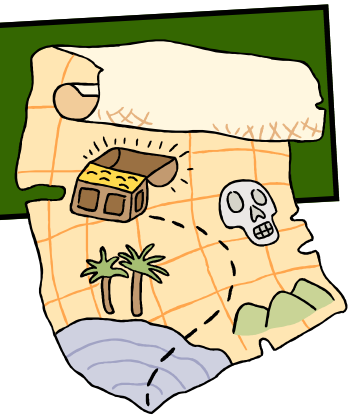
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GETTING "RALLY-READY" !!!

THE COUNT DOWN BEGINS!

For those who have even attempted to put on an event, you know what kind of preparation it can be! Our countdown has begun...the District staff is extremely busy finalizing all the details for giving the members of Georgia a very memorable rally!



So, what do we do? It's a year-long process....yes, an event that actually takes a full year of planning to pull it off successfully....and we start as soon as Wing Fling is over! Do you know that last year, we were planning the '05 rally theme before the '04 Wing Fling, just so we could announce that theme to you at closing ceremonies? And, guess what? Yeah, we have next year's theme in the making so we can announce it again and so we can take rally flyers to Wing Ding this July and promote the '06 Wing Fling!

Contracts for the sites have to be negotiated and secured immediately following Wing Fling for the next year. Promotion materials have to get published, grand prizes, etc. have to be decided on and announced. Games have to be created....and you know how creative some of Dolly's games can be!!! Vendors have to be courted all year to get a

commitment from them. Food has to be determined and ordered; door prizes bought. Porta potties are a MUST! As are the rental of the golf carts....which also have to be transported to the site. All the minute details have to be planned and put on a timed schedule....thank goodness we have such a great team to work together!



As our deadline gets closer, the entire District staff begins to get excited and somewhat nervous....we enjoy trying new things to help entertain our members. We certainly hope that they will show up...after all, this is the only opportunity the District has to make its operating money for the year!!! Georgia members have shown more enthusiasm recently about their rally and we look forward to seeing many of you in Hiawasse!

We have already heard comments from other Districts about our great Hospitality Room. Please remember to bring some home-made goodies and enter them in the contest. We also have the BEST DOOR PRIZES thanks to each Chapter contributing a door prize of \$25 in value. Chapter Directors, please

let us know what you will be bringing or send us a check and we will make a purchase for you. **C'mon, Georgia, let's Rally!!!**

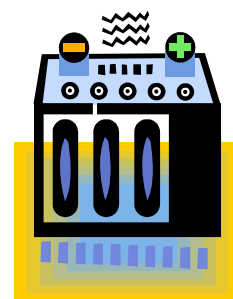


TAKING CARE OF YOUR FRIENDS . . .

All year long, we depend on our friends to help us out when we need help. (Which in my case, seems to be all the time!) Friendship is a good thing, but sometimes we have a tendency to abuse our friends. Friends that are abused, are not friends for long. Such is the case here. The winter has been long, wet and cold. Ahhh, but now, Spring has sprung, the weather is nice and we need to get the Wing ready to roll. Well, now, we have washed it, polished it, checked the tires and cleaned the windshield. Ready to roll with our friends, right? Well, you have a friend that almost always is neglected and abused. Who might that be, you ask. I speak of your friend, the BATTERY. To avoid the disappointment of your friend (the battery) laying down on the job right when you need it the most, it takes proper battery maintenance.

Proper battery maintenance includes, but is not limited to:

1. Cleaning the battery terminals and cable lugs
2. Cleaning the top of the battery
3. Checking the fluid levels (unless you have a maintenance free battery)
4. Refilling the liquid in each cell to the correct height (unless . . . maintenance free)
5. Recharging the battery



A special caution needs to be given for those with lead-acid batteries. The liquid in the battery is SULFURIC ACID that can hurt you. It can burn your skin and if it gets in your eyes, can cause blindness. When working on/near batteries, the way to keep safe is:

1. Have a safety attitude. Realize the potential health hazards and take the necessary precautions.
2. Realize that when you charge your lead-acid battery, Hydrogen Gas is produced.
3. If you have a lead-acid battery, check the sulfuric acid level BEFORE charging. To avoid creating an internal spark, the acid level needs to be at least above the low mark on the battery and should be at the full mark. As a natural by-product of the chemical reaction in a battery, hydrogen gas is produced inside the battery. You don't want a spark anywhere near hydrogen gas.
4. If your battery charger has a "boost" setting, do not use this setting with your Wing. A boost setting delivers 50 amps of electrical current to your battery and your battery's charging system. This could lead to damage to your alternator.
5. If the acid gets on your skin you should wash the exposed area with plenty of water. If the acid gets into your eyes, flush the eyes with water immediately and seek medical help. One way to reduce your chances of skin and eye contact is to wear gloves and safety glasses.



It is best to take care of your "friends" now, rather than wait for some really hot summer day in the middle of nowhere USA to find out your friends, that you used and abused, have left you .

And as always, always be watchful for the unwatchful

RSHF, Chuck and Anne Reed

Georgia District Educators

(A special thanks to Ray Bowman, Chapter Educator, GAF2, Augusta, who wrote most of the article. I changed a few lines)

GRAND PRIZE FOR '05 WING FLING



Bushtec Turbo+II Motorcycle Trailer with lots of accessories including a garment bag, cover, and air pump (these items donated by Dave Aikens.)

Tickets may be purchased with your rally registration or prior to the Rally from the District Director and Asst. District Directors. Just ask them....they always have some tickets on hand....and, **you do not have to be present** at closing to win.

Thoughts from the MED/COY Corner

I don't know about you, but Betty and I always look forward to Wing Fling. It is an opportunity to get up to North Georgia and enjoy some beautiful country and have a great time catching up with all our friends.

As with all of you, we also volunteer to help with the rally in any way we can. The past couple of years, we have helped with the hospitality room. I must say that Georgia has the best hospitality room of any District rally we have ever attended. It is such a pleasure and so much fun visiting with everyone that comes to enjoy all the goodies and beverages and those that come just to kick back and relax and enjoy the view.



The most popular thing about the hospitality room is the homemade goodies that you bring. If you have a secret family recipe that has been passed down for generations, or even a dessert that no one can resist, please bring it to Wing Fling and enter it into the Goodie Contest. You could walk away with bragging rights for the best goodie.



If you don't have the time to make something, we certainly welcome any store bought goodie that may be your favorite. Even though the store bought items cannot be entered in the Goodie Contest, they are still enjoyed by all that come looking for that sweet treat. For those who prefer something with a little less sugar, we also have a huge selection of sugar free items. We also provide coffee, soft drinks, tea, salty items and lots of friendship.

If you have never visited us on the third floor of the host hotel, please stop by to visit and enjoy hospitality Georgia style.

See you at the Rally!

Bill & Betty Livingston, MED Coordinators

2005 GA CHAPTER COUPLES OF THE YEAR

Brian & Cindy Allen, GA-A

Al & Frances Starley, GA-A2

Walt & Bev Thayer, GA-B2

Ray & Kathy Potter, GA-C

Larry & Teresa Urban, GA-C2

Ken & Vicki Watkins, GA-E

Buddy & Liz Vars, GA-E2

Rich & Sally Curtis, GA-G

Kary & Pat Porter, GA-H

George & Jan Danner, GA-J

Jeremy Clay & Courteney Holcombe, GA-L

Robert & Anna Tillman, GA-O

Joe & Bonnie Durning, GA-P

Phillip & Pat Denning, GA-Q

Sid & Donna Cohen, GA-S

Tommy & Vicky Martin, GA-T

Wayne & Nina Carlton, GA-V

Buck & Dianne Harden, GA-X

What a great group of Chapter volunteers who are being honored this year by being selected as their Chapter's Couple of the Year. Thanks to all for participating in the Program.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 30—GA-D Rummage Sale. Chestatee Community Building. For more info contact CD Sherrel Davis at 770-887-7938

May 7—GA-D2 Fun Day, North Georgia Fairgrounds, Dalton. For more info contact CD Frank Cronan at (706) 277-1298.

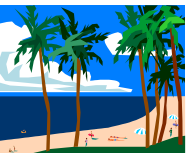
May 5-7—South Carolina District Rally, Myrtle Beach. For more info, visit gwrra-ga.com and click on “Upcoming Events” to link to SC District web page.

June 16-18—Georgia District Wing Fling, Lake Chatuge Lodge, Georgia Mtn. Fairgrounds, Hiawassee. Registration opens at 12 noon. Must have a registration number to book at the host Lodge. Check website www.gwrra-ga.com for rally info or contact Rick Stephens at 770.562.3277. Vendors contact Ron Larsen at 478.971.4291.



August 13—GA-H Fun Day, Albany Exchange Club Fairgrounds, 9:30—3:00, closing ceremonies 2 p.m. \$6 per person pre-registration, \$6.50 on site includes meal and 1 grand prize ticket. Contact CD Ken Stutely at 229.888.1341 for more info.

August 20—GA-C Fun Day, on Jekyll Island. Holiday Inn Beach Resort Registration is \$8 per person, \$10 after July 15. Meal, \$200 grand prize, treasure hunt, and games. For more info. Contact CD Buddy Jones at 912.264.0001



Sept. 5—GA-K Poker Run/Catfish Festival in Kingsland. \$10 registration fee. For more info. Contact CD Joe Yother at 912.729.6379

Sept. 17—GA-Q Dessert Auction and Burger Burn at the Museum of Aviation, Warner Robins. Fun starts at 11 a.m. For more info contact CD Dave Aikens at 478.953.4886

Sept. 24—GA-O Picnic in the Park, Fulwood Park, Tifton. More info to follow.

Oct. 1—GA-E2 Poker Run for Hospice, Contact JJ

Etzle, Chapter Director, for more info at (912) 826-0912.

Oct. 13-15—MS District Rally, Biloxi. For more info visit gwrra-ga.com and click on “Upcoming Events” to link to MS District web page.



Oct. 22—GA-A Fall Harvest Fun Day, High Falls State Park, \$8 per person. For more info contact CD Bob Greer at (770) 473-1316.

Nov. 5—Wind Down. Location to be announced at later date.

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 even has happened before requesting a second date.

Among our sick:

Ginger Rooks, GA-I2

Danny Mackey, GA Asst. Trainer

Bob Beltz, GA-W



Christian Sympathy is extended to...



TJ & Jane Johnson (TJ & the Boss) on the death of her brother.

Jerry & Melody Watson, GA-A2, on the death of her father.

(These were ones that we were notified of prior to publication. Please let Rhonda know when a death has occurred so condolences may be extended.)



Where do pirates like to sit to relax? In an aaaaarm chair!

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Check out the web page
for all the latest
on Wing Fling, Chapter
events, and other
happenings around the
District.
