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'06 Hoedown Registrations Are Rollin' In Like Flies to Honey! (THAT'S HILLBILLY TALK FOR "REAL FAST, Y'ALL")

I never would have imagined that in August we would have 76 2006 Rally registrations in hand.....NEVER! But, sho' nuff, Dolly's been developing the new database and Rhonda's been trying to get the info into the computer before she starts back to work. It's simply amazing! Thanks, Georgia.

SEPTEMBER 1 is the magic date...that is when the Holiday Inn Skytop will be ready to start taking the reservations *if you have a registration number.* They will not accept any registrations for our rally date in June, 2006, without your number. So, when will you get the number if you have already sent in your money? Great question! On or before September 1. Look for that e-mail or postcard. This year you will receive one number per couple. Rooms are \$69 for a double plus tax. Suites are \$99 plus tax. This will include a full breakfast buffet for two. If others are staying in the room with you, the cost will be \$10 per person/per night and that includes a full breakfast buffet for them too.

We have also spoken with and signed a contract with Hampton Inn as our Co-Host Hotel. This site is located directly down the hill and across the

street from the Holiday Inn Skytop. It has just undergone a \$300,000 renovation with new furniture, flooring, and mattresses....we actually saw all of it being hauled in). You will not need a registration number for this site. The cost per room is \$75 for doubles and kings or \$85 for a king suite and a continental breakfast is included. To book a room here, use the Group Code GWRRA and speak to Amanda.

TRAVELER'S PLAQUE



Oh, the elusive Traveler's plaque!!! Rhonda and I used to really enjoy chasing the Traveler's plaque, both District and Region. There was the challenge to see if our small Chapter could capture it; but mainly, we enjoyed just visiting with friends around the south-east. In fact, many tiems it would only be the two of us capturing the plaque.

A few years ago some Chapters in a neighboring state got together and decided they would do whatever it took to keep the Region plaque in their state. It rocked along for quite some time with the plaque circulating around between just a few

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ERC'S vs PLP'S

Well, the summer riding season is in full swing and I trust everyone is making the most of it. Even with the afternoon thunder storms, the weather has been pretty darn good. So, what can we do to make the riding even more enjoyable?



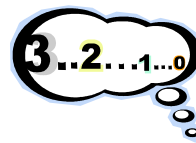
The question of ERC's versus PLP's comes up occasionally. This year, at Wing Ding in Ft. Wayne, Indiana, I took the new Experienced Rider Course (ERC). It is different than in the past. To begin with, it is 5-6 hours outdoors on the riding range. No 4 hours of classroom instruction and I consider that a plus. The classroom instruction of the past, was educational and the information was, for the most part, interesting. But not 4 hours worth of interesting. The new ERC stresses techniques and the handling of your motorcycle. AND, the new exercises are really good. There were a couple of exercises, that make you work to accomplish them! There was one exercise, that after the class ran it 3-4 times, I asked if I could run it a few more times, as did several other riders. I never accomplished the exercise to my satisfaction. I believe that exercise and perhaps one other, may be out of the expertise of a novice rider. So, where does this lead?



Well, a Parking Lot Program (PLP) exercise should not be considered as a total replacement of an ERC, given by Certified MSF Instructors. The PLP is a good exercise to refresh your riding skills. Many of the riding exercises in the PLP handbook, are the same as some in the ERC program. The Slow Ride, Quick Stop, Stopping on a Curve, Straight Weave, Off-Set Weave and



one or two of the turning exercises as examples. As I said, these exercises are to refresh and practice your riding skills. A novice rider can learn some skills from a PLP, but please remember, taking a PLP does NOT make you an experienced rider. As long as National Rider Ed allows Georgia to use a PLP in lieu of an ERC to take part in the Rider Ed Level Programs (Level 1-4, including renewals), I suggest we take advantage of it as long as we can. I also suggest that we take advantage of the Basic and ERC programs offered by the Georgia State MSF office. As for the Rider Ed Program qualifications, both the PLP and the ERC courses are good for 3 years. Everyone should take a PLP at least once a year and everyone should take an ERC course at least once during their rider career, the sooner the better. Both will help you, so take advantage of them



And as always, always be watchful for the un-watchful

RSHF,

Chuck and Anne Reed

Georgia District Educators

HILLBILLY HOROSCOPE

Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22)

Me and my buddy Ted were out at the NASCAR races. Well, we saw dese two hot babes and started talkin' with dem. I say, "Dem some nice teeth you got there. You got all 'em in der? I mean, yer hotter den an outhouse in summer and I'm not even drunk, yet!" Well sure as the rooster crows, she threw her beer at me and walked away. Clearly, she didn't know a compliment when it hit 'er in da face. Class. It's all about class. First 'mpressions matter and you can't go sayin' da first thing pops in yer head. Think a little.

Membership Enhancement Division

Wing Fling 2005 is over and we are “sho nuff” looking forward to our Hillbilly Hoe-down in Rome next year. The next few months bring us the Region A Gold Wing Rush Rally in Helen, Georgia on 8, 9 and September and of course Wind Down that will be held in Villa Rica, just west of Atlanta on November 5th.



Just in case you have forgotten, the Region A Couple Of the Year is selected at the Region a Rally. So if you have never seen the selection of the Region A Couple Of the Year process, we encourage you to come show your support to our Georgia District Couple Of the Year, Chris and Shannan Adams as they take the final step in becoming the next Region A Couple Of the Year. The Selection will take place on Friday morning. If you come to the Region A Rally regularly, we look forward to seeing you again. Larry and Patty Lingo, your Region A Directors will make sure you have a great time.



Not long after the Region A Rally, The Georgia District Staff will once again take the opportunity to thank you for your support to GWRRA Georgia at Wind Down. Not only will we select the next Georgia District Couple Of the Year, but we will also announce the winners of the Traveling Poker hand and the Traveling Couple Of the Year game. The Chapter with the best poker hand will have their charter fees paid for 2006. The lucky Chapter Couple Of the Year with the highest total points from rolling the dice at Chapters they visit will receive \$50.00.



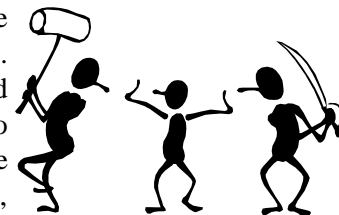
You still have time to get that royal flush or to rack up some points at the roll of the dice, so get out there and visit other Chapters and have fun with these two games. Poker hand cards and dice game sheets can be obtained from your District Membership Enhancement/Couple Of the Year Coordinators, Bill and Betty Livingston by calling them at 229-889-1705 or send them an email at livingstonb@netzero.net.



See you on the road,
Bill & Betty

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Chapters. Then, one weekend a rather large Chapter from another state went after the Plaque. Just before they arrived at the meeting place, they gained first hand knowledge that there were some irregularities going on. When they arrived at the meeting and were told they lost the plaque by just a few miles, they confronted the winners with the irregularities. This escalated into a very heated argument that almost came to blows. The situation went all the way to National. Needless to say, this caused some very hard feeling between the members and the states involved, the Region Traveler's plaque was retired for a period of time and one Chapter almost dissolved. In fact, that Chapter has never fully recovered from that incident.



Chasing the plaque is fun as long as **everyone** plays “fair”. The Region rules state that the capturing Chapter notifies the Region **immediately** upon capturing the plaque and that it will be given away on a Saturday or Sunday at a **business** meeting, not a dinner/ice cream ride. Although it does not state that you should tell them a date and time the plaque will be given away, it is implied and only good common courtesy. By advertising well in advance, you will have a much better turnout at your meeting and will be promoting the spirit of GWRRA which is **FRIENDS FOR FUN, SAFETY AND KNOWLEDGE**. After all, that is part of the reason you went after the plaque.

I don't want to dissect the rules for the District and Region plaques, but I do want to remind everyone to **review the rules and apply them as intended**, not necessarily as written. They are intended to give some basic guidelines to go by so everyone can enjoy the pleasure of chasing the plaque. We don't want another situation like we had a few years ago.

Enjoy the chase..... for the sake of the ride and meeting new friends.

Rick

Did you know.....? First Lady Ellen Axson Wilson, wife of President Woodrow Wilson, is buried in Myrtle Hill Cemetary in Rome? As is Rosalind Gammon, “the woman who saved football in the state of Georgia”.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

September 8-10—Gold Wing Rush, Region A Rally in Helen, GA. For event details, visit the web-site www.gwrra-regiona.org or contact Larry Lingo at 813.986.3567

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. The final District event of the year will be held at Villa Rica High School in Villa Rica. More info will be distributed to CDs in the fall.

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.

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

The COY Program

The COY Program, which is managed by the MED, was started in 1988 as a way to recognize Members by selecting a couple that represent the best qualities and ideals of GWRRA and its members. The program starts at the Chapter level and then, through a friendly selection process, COYs at the District, Region, and National levels are selected and recognized. These COYs normally serve for one year. At the National level, the term "International COY" is used because the selection process at that level includes couples from both the US and Canada.

We want to congratulate Bob and Jaunee Barrington, 2005 Region A COY, on being selected as the 2006 International COY!!!

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Check out the web page
for all the latest
on Wing Fling's move to Rome.
Rally flyers for 2006 are now
available. Come join us for a
Hillbilly Hoedown!
